

ACBA MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

GENERAL RULES FOR SPECTATORS

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To whom this may concern,

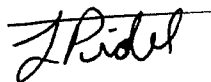
Thank you for supporting the Albany County Bar Association's Mock Trial Competition and all student-competitors participating in this year's competition. As you may know, these student-competitors, as well as their faculty advisors and volunteering attorneys, dedicate many hours to prepare for the Mock Trial competition. In an effort to best support all teams and maintain an impartial trial, we kindly ask that you adhere to the following rules throughout the competition:

1. All phones should be off or on silent during the trial.
2. No talking in the courtroom while the trial is in session.
3. Do not talk, signal, or otherwise communicate with competitors throughout the trial.
4. Do not record or film the competitors during the trial.
5. Do not take any photographs during the trial. There will be time for photographs after the trial.
6. Do not wear any clothing that identifies the schools participating in the trial. This may include sweatshirts, hats, etc. The goal is to maintain the competing teams' anonymity for the judge overseeing the trial.
7. Please do not talk or interact with the judge.
8. If you know the judge personally and wish to say hello, please speak with an Albany County Bar Association representative prior to approaching the judge. The representative will discuss your interest with the judge prior to you approaching the judge.

The failure to adhere to these rules may have unintended consequences on the competing schools, consistent with competition rules. Of course, this is a non-exhaustive list of general rules for spectators throughout the trial. Please use your best judgment while observing the trial so that the student-competitors can have the best possible experience while competing.

We are excited to host this year's competition and look forward to watching each of the competing schools bring this year's case to life! Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support!

Sincerely,



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Chair of the ACBA Mock Trial Committee