TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Code of Ethical Conduct

(Please Sign and Submit at Tournament)

1. The Rules of Competition, as well as proper rules of courthouse and courtroom decorum and security, will be followed. The Mock Trial Board has discretion to impose sanctions, including, but not limited to, immediate eviction from the competition, forfeiture, or disqualification, for any misconduct occurring while a team is present at any Texas High School Mock Trial Competition tournament; for flagrant rule violations, including excessive/unfair extrapolations and timing schemes to derail opponents; and for breaches of decorum which affect the conduct of a trial or which impugn the reputation or integrity of any team, school, participant, court officer, judge, or the mock trial program.

2. Displays of bad sportsmanship by any person affiliated with any team and at any time during a tournament of the Texas High School Mock Trial Competition are prohibited. Whether winning or losing, all teams are expected to be gracious and supportive of all other competitors. Courtesy and proper decorum are expected by teams, their parents, and their guests at the tournament site and any associated events. Team members will conduct themselves with utmost civility.

3. Neither a team member nor a guest is allowed to enter any courtroom in which his or her team is not competing. Guests from the population at large will be given a team to observe by the Tournament Administrator. All others are to be in the courtrooms where his/her own team is competing. Others, such as media, will be admitted at the discretion of the Tournament Administrator.

4. The use of alcohol, drugs, and weapons is forbidden in the course of this tournament, both at the competition site and at any other establishment in association with tournament.

5. Tournaments of the Texas High School Mock Trial Competition are designed for students who desire to comport themselves as professionals in and out of the courtroom. It is expected that at the courthouse, hotel, and all associated venues, students will respect their surroundings by leaving all areas in good order, and otherwise behave as young professionals.

I have read and understand the statements above, and I agree that our team will comply with these rules throughout the duration of this tournament of the Texas High School Mock Trial Competition. I understand that *any* violation of the Code of Ethical Conduct by any on our team may result in sanctions as state above.

SIGNED BY: _____ _____

Teacher Coach Attorney Coach

Mock Trial Team Representing: _____

Name of School and City

SIGNED BY Team Members:

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