

CACJ California Attorneys for Criminal Justice

The California Attorneys for Criminal Justice & UC Hastings College of Law
Cordially Invite Judges and Attorneys to Participate in:

10th Annual National Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition

United States Federal Courthouse
Phillip Burton Federal Building
450 Golden Gate Ave.

October 11-14, 2018

Judges Needed!!!!

We are looking forward to this year's event and encourage you to participate in this excellent trial advocacy competition. We have invited only the best programs in the nation to compete. This Trial Advocacy Competition has become so popular, we've needed to turn away a number of law schools. Its popularity and success are directly tied to the high quality judging, thanks to our volunteer judges.

The rounds have a limit of 160 minutes. The volunteer briefing and training starts **promptly** 30 minutes before each round. All judges must arrive in time for the briefing prior to the start of the round. (Your time commitment is 5:30 – 9:00 PM on Thursday or Friday or 8:30 AM –12:00 noon on Saturday).

The top eight winners of the preliminary rounds at the **United States District Court** (Thursday and Friday evening) will compete on Saturday morning in the quarter-finals, and the two semi-finalists will compete in the semi-final round on Saturday afternoon.

Competing in this national competition are law schools with a tradition for excellence in their trial advocacy programs. The George W. Porter Best Advocate Award will be given at the conclusion of the competition as well as awards for the 1st – 4th place teams with honorable mention given to the 5th-8th place teams.

Please complete the attached form and submit it to the CACJ office by following the instructions. As we get closer to the time of the competition, assignments will be made and you will receive confirmation at that time. So, please remain available for the dates for which you are volunteering.

Volunteer Form

Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City State ZIP Code	
Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Availability

Which dates/times are you available to be a presiding judge or juror judge for the competition?

___ October 11, 2018 Thursday, 5:30 P.M. Briefing 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. Trial Round	United States Federal Courthouse 450 Golden Gate Ave
___ October 12, 2018 Friday, 5:30 P.M. Briefing 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. Trial Round	United States Federal Courthouse 450 Golden Gate Ave
___ October 13, 2018 <i>(Spaces limited)</i> Saturday, 8:30 A.M. Briefing 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Trial Round	United States Federal Courthouse 450 Golden Gate Ave

Each Trial will have one presiding judge and two juror judges. All judges will be asked to score the students and provide feedback to the teams with the presiding judge making evidentiary rulings. Would you prefer to be a:

___ Presiding Judge* ___ Scoring Juror Judge ___ Either

* *Presiding Judge Position will be filled by a Federal or State Court Judge whenever possible.*

PLEASE EMAIL OR FAX COMPLETED FORM TO THE CACJ OFFICE

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Questions? Please send your questions to mocktrial@caci.org

**TRIAL MATERIALS, NOTIFICATIONS AND/OR INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL PRESIDING JUDGES & JUROR JUDGES
WILL BE AVAILBLE AT:**

<http://www.cacj.org/Events/National-Criminal-Trial-Advocacy-Competition.aspx>

Thank you on behalf of the NCTAC COMMITTEE:

Geoffrey Hansen, Cris Lamb, Nate Peterson, Sara Rief, Bobbie Stein, Julie Traun and Orchid Vaghti