

March 11, 2019

Via Email Only:

Louisiana High School Mock Trial Competition
Regional Winners and Runner-ups

Re: 2019 Louisiana State High School Mock Trial Competition
March 30, 2019, **Lafayette** Federal Courthouse

Dear Students, Teachers, Coaches, and Parents:

Congratulations on advancing to the State High School Mock Trial Competition! The competition will be held **Saturday, March 30, 2019** at the **John M. Shaw United States Courthouse, 800 Lafayette Street, Suite 2100, Lafayette Louisiana 70501. The Courthouse typically opens around 7:30 a.m.**

Registration will be at 7:45 a.m., and we are asking that all teams and coaches be checked in at that time, so that we can begin the first round of competition promptly at 8:15 a.m. Round two will begin at approximately 10:30 a.m. The top two teams will then compete in the final round at 1:45 p.m.

If you have not already done so, please email your team's registration form to jimmy@kinginjuryfirm.com and mreaux@hillandbeyer.com as soon as possible.

A ceremony for all participants will take place after round 2 when the finalists are announced. Awards will be given to Most Outstanding Attorney and Most Outstanding Witness, which are selected from the entire group of participants. Everyone is invited and encouraged to stay until the end of the competition to watch the final round.

In addition, we ask that you be mindful of the following:

- (1) **Upon Entering the Courthouse:** All courtrooms for use in the competition will be on the 4th floor. Check in will take place outside of Courtroom 1 on the 4th floor.

- (2) **Cell Phones:** **YOU MAY NOT BRING A CELL PHONE INTO THE COURTHOUSE.** Leave your phone in your car.
- (3) **Food and Drink in the Courthouse:** In accordance with policies of the Court, no outside food and drinks are allowed. The 3rd floor of the courthouse will be set up for lunch and refreshments. Absolutely no food or drink will be permitted inside of any courtroom, or on the 4th floor.
- (4) **Parking:** Free parking is available on the street around the courthouse. For more information, see the last page of this letter.
- (5) **Lunch:** Lunch and drinks will be provided **only to students, teacher-sponsors and coaches** that are registered.
- (6) **No Breaks During Rounds of Competition:** Judges will be instructed that, absent an emergency, breaks will not be permitted during any rounds of competition, so that we can stay on schedule.
- (7) **Security:** Each person entering the courthouse will be asked to go through security, and bags/purses will be checked.
- (8) **Hotel:** There is no “designated hotel” for the competition. We suggest booking rooms as soon as possible. If you need assistance, or have any questions, please let me know.

We are looking forward to this year’s competition. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jimmy

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DIRECTIONS AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURTHOUSE

The Lafayette Courthouse is located in the 800 block of Lafayette Street, in Lafayette, Louisiana. The entrance to the courthouse is facing Lafayette Street. For after hours filing, a drop box is located outside the building to the left of the main entrance doors.

I-10 - If you are traveling on I-10 you will take Exit 103A. This will put you on Hwy. 167 South which will turn into the Evangeline Thruway. The fifth traffic light will be the intersection of Evangeline Thruway and Second Street, turn right and stay in the middle lane. The second traffic light on Second Street is the Intersection of Congress and Lafayette Street, turn left. Since there is no parking around the Federal Building, you will pass the Federal Building and stop at the Intersection of Lafayette and Vermilion, turn left. If you are unable to find a meter to park at proceed down Vermilion Street to the intersection of Vermilion and Polk and you will find the Parc du Centreville Parking Tower on the left.

I-49 traveling South - If you are traveling South on I-49: Once you are in Lafayette, I-49 becomes Evangeline Thruway. Travel down the Thruway until you reach the fifth traffic light. This will be the intersection of Evangeline Thruway and Second Street, turn right and stay in the middle lane. The second traffic light on Second Street is the Intersection of Congress and Lafayette Street, turn left. Since there is no parking around the Federal Building, you will pass the Federal Building and stop at the Intersection of Lafayette and Vermilion, turn left. If you are unable to find a meter to park at proceed down Vermilion Street to the intersection of Vermilion and Polk and there you will find the Parc du Centreville Parking Tower on the left.

LA 90 traveling North - If you are traveling North on LA 90 you will drive into Lafayette and the Hwy. will turn into Evangeline Thruway. Continue to travel North on the Evangeline thruway until you reach the intersection of Evangeline Thruway and Second Street, turn left and stay in the middle lane. The third traffic light on Second Street is the Intersection of Congress and Lafayette Street, turn left. Since there is no parking around the Federal Building, you will pass the Federal Building and stop at the Intersection of Lafayette and Vermilion, turn left. If you are unable to find a meter to park at proceed down Vermilion to the intersection of Vermilion and Polk and you will find the Parc du Centreville Parking Tower on the left.

Congress Street traveling North - If you are traveling North on Congress Street: turn right on Lafayette Street. Since there is no parking around the Federal Building, you will pass the Federal Building and stop at the Intersection of Lafayette and Vermilion, turn left. If you are unable to find a meter to park at proceed down Vermilion to the intersection of Vermilion and Polk and you will find the Parc du Centreville Parking Tower on the left.

Hwy. 167 traveling North - If you are traveling North on Highway 167: As you travel into Lafayette from Highway 167 the street will become Johnston Street. You will travel down Johnston, pass University of Louisiana (formerly known as USL) until you reach Jefferson Street, turn left. When you get to the intersection of Jefferson Street and Vermilion Street you will turn right to get to the Parc du Centreville Parking Tower. You will see the parking tower on the left at the intersection of Vermilion and Polk. To reach the Federal Building, as you leave the Parking Tower turn right and walk two blocks to Lafayette Street. The Federal Building is on the corner.

Parking

The courthouse is located in the central business district and is easily accessible. There is parking on the streets surrounding the building, as well as parking lots on the North and East side of the court house.

Street Address:

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