

Memorandum

To: All 2 L's and 3 L's

From: Dennis Turner

Re: Mock Trial Team Try-outs

Date: August 22, 2012

On Saturday, September 8, 2012, I will conduct try-out rounds for all students who are interested in being part of the UDSL National Mock Trial Team. The information you need to know is as follows:

1. The National Mock Trial Team class is a 2 credit hour course that requires all members of the class to participate in a fall mock trial competition at Case Western Law School on Saturday, November 10, and the National Mock Trial Competition in February.
2. Eight students will be selected and will be divided into two teams of four. After the fall competition the two teams may be reconfigured for the National Competition in February. There will be an A and B team for the National Mock Trial Competition. Only one team can actually compete in the National Competition rounds, however, so other team members will serve as alternates.
3. Each team will have an advisor.
4. Practice schedules will be adjusted to fit class schedules. The times and days will be worked out between the team and its advisor. In general, however, there will probably be two practices every week.
5. Students who want to try-out for the team must sign up for a September 8<sup>th</sup> time-slot on Thursday, September 6, with Rose LoPresti in the law school clinic. Rose will be available on Thursday, September 6, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.
6. There will be four time slots available every hour beginning at 9:00 AM on Saturday, September 8. If there are empty time-slots at the end of sign-up day on September 6, you may be asked to change your requested time in order to insure that the try-out rounds can be conducted in the most efficient manner.
7. At the same time you register for a time-slot, Rose will provide you with the materials for try-out rounds.
8. The materials will consist of documents and witness statements in a mock case. No case materials will be distributed prior to the September 6<sup>th</sup> date.
9. Each participant in the try-out rounds will give a five minute, or less, opening statement and no more than a 10 minute cross-examination of a witness designated by me. I will provide the witness. Participants will not be penalized for using less than the allotted 15 minutes of time.
10. Participants must prepare for the try-out rounds totally on their own. No outside advice can be sought or taken.
11. The try-out rounds will be held in Room 201.
12. On September 8, participants must be available at least 15 minutes before their scheduled time. If preceding rounds do not take the full 15 minutes you may be asked to begin your round early.
13. Opposing counsel will not be present during the try-out rounds, but participants are discouraged from offering evidence that would likely be considered inadmissible.
14. Participants will be notified before September 11, who was selected to the team.

15. If you have questions, I will be in my office, Room 457, on Wednesday, September 5, and you can also reach me by email at [dturner1@udayton.edu](mailto:dturner1@udayton.edu).