

## Mock Trial Competition

### Coaches & Teams Conduct

Please share the following information with your team and spectators **before** the event:

Coaches will check in at the registration table located in the courthouse basement. **Students do not need to check in with the Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) Staff but should go directly to the basement jury room and wait for their coach and team members.**

- ❖ **Any student caught defacing or removing courthouse property will be disqualified from competition and reported to court authorities who have stated that they will prosecute.**
- ❖ Please wear name tags at all times. **Other than chairs, do NOT move furniture in the courtrooms.**
- ❖ **Keep the noise level down in the halls.** After each trial please leave the courthouse hallways as trials are still in session.
- ❖ No audio or videotaping allowed.
- ❖ Pictures can be taken before and/or after the trial only. SCOE staff will be taking pictures during pretrial only.
- ❖ **No one** allowed to enter the courtroom until the clerk-of-the-court assigned to the courtroom gives the okay to do so.
- ❖ To avoid interruptions, please ask that spectators/competitors remain in the courtroom until completion of the trial. Spectators may only enter the courtroom during pretrial and when a witness is going to the stand or returning to their seat.
- ❖ No eating or drinking inside the courtrooms. Drinks and snacks are allowed in the **basement jury room only**. **PLEASE be sure to clean the facility before leaving, or the courthouse will not allow food in the future.** Last year food and drink containers were found inside courtrooms prompting complaints.
- ❖ Please ask students not to wear metal items. This is per the sheriff's at the courthouse entry.