2015 NYS Mock Trial Tournament Program Reminders

Greetings! Please take note of the following important dates and information regarding the 2015 Mock Trial Tournament.

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- **October 6** – Please send me your estimated number of teams participating so I know how many books you will need.

- **October 22** – County Coordinators Meeting – This will be a **conference call at 2:30 pm.** Please mark your calendar. **The Regional Host* must be determined prior to this date** and should be provided to me during the County Coordinators conference call or by email if you will not be able to participate on the call.

  **A $250.00 reimbursement is available for the county that hosts the regionals. Original receipts should be sent to me following the completion of the tournament.*

- **November 24 (approximately**) – A printed copy of the case will be ready to send to County Coordinators.

  Printed copies of the case will be distributed by mail. We will also have a copy of the case available on our website for you to download. Please refrain from asking for early copies of the case. It will be mailed to everyone on the same day so all the counties should have them around the same time. It's possible that some counties will pass out the case before other counties–it depends on the scheduling of their teachers' meeting.

- **December 1** – The case will be available online for downloading at www.nysba.org/mtcase

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- **January 5** – Please send me the names and contact information of the participating schools in your county.

- **May 17-19** – Mock Trial Finals in Albany

- **July 12-17** – Mock Trial Summer Institute in Silver Bay (Lake George area)

Other important information:

- **Court Costs:** LYC has limited funds to assist with court costs if needed. A written request and invoice from the court should be forwarded to me for consideration as soon as possible.

- **Attorney CLE Credit:** Please be sure to advise your attorney advisors/judges that they are eligible to receive New York CLE credit for participating in Mock Trials. A form is provided in this packet for you to fill out with their information. The form is also available online in a fillable PDF version at www.nysba.org/mtcleregform

  Please be sure to send the completed form back to me after the competitions are completed so I can forward it to our CLE Department for processing. CLE certificates can take several weeks to be processed. **Certificates are delivered by email so please be sure that an email address is provided for each person.** Information on how CLE credit is calculated is included in this packet and is also available online at www.nyba.org/mtclerules

- **Meetings:** If you would like me and/or a Committee member to attend your teachers' meeting or any Mock Trial event throughout the season, send me the date(s) and I will try to make arrangements to accommodate your request.

- **Common Core Standards:** I have included a document that aligns the Mock Trial program with the Common Core Standards, please be sure your teacher coaches all get a copy of this too. The document is also available online at www.nysba.org/mtcommoncore

Updated information regarding the 2015 Mock Trial Tournament will be available online at http://www.nysba.org/mtfinals

Thank your for your continued support and cooperation.

Best regards,

Kim