New York's MCLE Rules for Attorneys: Earning CLE Credit for Mock Trial

http://www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/cle/regulationsandguidelines.pdf (page 6, paragraph 5)

Note: Newly admitted attorneys (less than 24 months) are NOT eligible for CLE credit.

5. Law Competitions—Credit may be earned for preparing students for and judging law competitions, **mock trials** and moot court arguments, including those at the **high school** or college **level**. Ethics and professionalism credit hours are **not available** for participation in this type of CLE activity. CLE credit hours are **not available** for grading written briefs or other written papers in connection with this type of CLE activity. **No additional credit** may be earned for preparation time. The sponsor of the CLE activity is responsible for issuing appropriate certification documenting the name of attorney, name, date and location of course or program and the number of New York CLE credit hours earned.

b. High School and College Competitions

iii. Calculation of Credit—One **(1) CLE credit hour** may be earned **for each 50 minutes of participation** in a **high school** or college law **competition**. **A maximum of three (3) CLE credit hours may be earned for this type of CLE activity during any one reporting cycle.** *(1) The biennial reporting cycle shall be the two-year period between the dates of submission of the attorney's biennial registration statement. (2) An attorney shall comply with the requirements of this Subpart commencing from the time of the filing of the attorney's biennial attorney registration statement in the second calendar year following admission to the Bar.*

The procedure for CLE certification is as follows:

- The attorney submits their information (name, role, address, dates, hours, and county of service) to the County Coordinator at the conclusion of the Mock Trial tournament. A sample form is attached and is also available online as a fillable PDF form at www.nysba.org/mtcleregform
- Soon after the conclusion of Regionals, the County Coordinator submits the form to me and I will forward the information to our CLE department for processing.
- CLE Certificates are sent to the attorney **by email** based on the email address on file with the NYS Bar Association. **If an attorney does not have an email address on file, they will not receive their certificate, so please let them know that they need to provide us with a current email address.**
- Attorneys can only receive a maximum of 3.0 credits once every two years.
- Newly admitted attorneys are NOT eligible for credit from Mock Trial.