

## **Mock Trial**

Do you enjoy role playing games? Do you want to build skill as a public speaker? Are you considering becoming a lawyer one day? Did you answer “yes” to any of these questions? If so, then Mock Trial is the perfect opportunity for you! Not only will you have fun while building skill, you’ll also gain a basic understanding of the American justice system. Through role playing as lawyers and witnesses, you will be immersed into the world of the courtroom. And, while learning the details of the trial process, you will also be developing a number of skills that are universally necessary: critical analysis of problems, strategic thinking, questioning skills, listening skills, skills in oral presentation and extemporaneous argument, and skills in preparing and organizing material. You’ll really get to know your fellow students and form deep friendships. More information can be found at [tba.org/mocktrial/index](http://tba.org/mocktrial/index). It is a high school competition. The case comes out on Nov.17. As far as time commitment goes, the plan is to meet once a week for the rest of this year with breaks for the holidays. In January and February, how much time is needed depends on how much effort the team wants to put into it. You have to practice a lot to be the best. The local competition is held sometime in February. At this time, the meeting location has not been determined. Once the team has been formed, a central meeting place will be chosen. The biggest need right now is a coach. For additional information, please contact Teresa Sharpe at [6sharpes@comcast.net](mailto:6sharpes@comcast.net).