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Dear Educator:

We cordially invite your school to participate in the 2018 Iowa High School Mock Trial Program. Mock trials are one of several law-related and civic education programs sponsored by The Iowa State Bar Association Center for Law & Civic Education.

The mock trial is designed to introduce students to our legal system by providing a challenging, academic competition. The program offers students an opportunity for personal growth and achievement, emphasizing the importance of research, presentation, and teamwork.

In addition to teaching students about contemporary public issues and the legal system, the program encourages teachers and students to develop learning partnerships with professionals from the community. Lawyers from communities throughout Iowa contribute their time as coaches and judges at the tournaments. Judges from Iowa's District Courts also participate. These linkages between the schools and the legal profession show students that the community is committed to their educational success.

Please review the informational materials on this site. The 2019 High School Case Materials will be released during the week of December 17 and will be available for download from the Iowa State Bar Association Website www.iowabar.org.

We hope that you will consider participation in this valuable educational program. Last year, more than 1,500 high school students from across Iowa participated. The tournament includes students from social studies courses, TAG programs, at-risk classes, and extracurricular mock trial clubs. This year's state champion will represent Iowa at the National Finals to be held in Athens, Georgia. We urge you to join the fun!

Sincerely,

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