IOWA MOCK TRIAL
Regional Award Criteria

Students are eligible to receive an award for individual performance at the regional competition based on the following criteria:

1. Any student who received a nomination (indicated on the bottom portion of the score sheet – ballot page 5) from BOTH judges in a SINGLE trial round automatically receives an award. (It does not matter the position in which the student is nominated.)

2. Any student who received a nomination from ONE judge in a SINGLE round, but not the other judge may still be eligible. If the non-nominating judge did NOT indicate (by signing or initialing the line below the nomination form) that s/he chose not to nominate a student, we assume that this judge simply forgot. In this situation, you may tabulate the score from this non-nominating judge. If it equals 16 or better (e.g. a 9 and a 7, an 8 and an 8, etc.), the student receives an award.

3. If the judges in a SINGLE mock trial round have not nominated ANYONE for individual recognition and if neither has indicated by signing or initialing the line below the nomination form that s/he actively chose NOT to nominate anyone, then we assume that the judges simply forgot. In this instance, you may tabulate the score from both judges. A score of 33 or higher (with no one judge awarding a score lower than 15) results in an award.

As with any subjective system, the regional mock trial awards are not fail-safe. There may be circumstances where a student deserving of an award has been overlooked. If you feel that this is the case with one of your team members, please let me know the name of the student, the role(s) that s/he performed, and the regional in which this student competed. I will review the ballots and let you know whether extraordinary circumstances exist to make an additional award.