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Dear Mock Trial Supporter:

On behalf of the Michigan Center for Civic Education and the hundreds of high school students throughout the state who participate in Mock Trial, I would like to invite you to participate as a volunteer in the 2006 Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament.

As participants in the tournament, high school students will take on the roles of attorneys and witnesses and go head to head in this year's case *U.S. v. Jaime Becker and Chris Hanks*. Kerry Upham, owner of *The Record Store* in Clearwater, discovered two counterfeit \$20 Bills in the store's deposits last March. Fearing a larger problem, Upham had all employees educated on methods to detect counterfeit bills. It wasn't long before another counterfeit \$20 bill was discovered; only this time the culprits were caught in the act. Or were they?

You can hear the arguments from both sides at one of the two regional competitions, or at the state finals. The regional competitions will be in Grand Rapids, February 18, and in Pontiac, March 11. If you are an experienced mock trial volunteer, another option is the state finals in Lansing on March 25. Each of the regional events consists of three rounds. Those volunteering for the morning will see two trials, while afternoon volunteers will see one. The state finals will have four rounds, the extra round being the blue-ribbon championship round.

These three events require hundreds of volunteer judges and dozens of bailiffs. Please use the enclosed form to sign up, and feel free to reproduce and share the form with others.

If you have volunteered in years past, I hope to see you again this year. If you have never volunteered before, why not give it try? Dates don't work for you? Please consider supporting Mock Trial by becoming a Center member (form enclosed).

Sincerely,

Jim Troost
Director of Programs

**2006 MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TOURNAMENT
REGISTRATION FORM**

Yes! I would like to share my knowledge of the legal system with high school students from across the state by volunteering as a:

___ **Scoring Judge** (open only to attorneys and judges)

___ **Presiding Judge** (experienced mock trial judges or actual trial judges only; trial experience preferred)

___ **Bailiff/Timekeeper**
(open to legal assistants, law students, and others associated with the legal community)

At the:

Western Regional Tournament
Kent County Courthouse
Grand Rapids

Saturday, February 18, 2006

___ Morning, 7:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. (2 trials)

___ Afternoon, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (1 trial)

Eastern Regional Tournament
Oakland County Courthouse
Pontiac

Saturday, March 11, 2006

___ Morning, 7:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. (2 trials)

___ Afternoon, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (1 trial)

State Finals (Have trial experience; mock or real)
Lansing

Saturday, March 25, 2006

___ Morning, 7:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. (2 trials)

___ Afternoon, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (1 trial)

If there are any schools that you feel you should not judge due to an association or relationship with the school, the team, or the team's coaches, please list them here:

NAME _____ **TITLE** _____

FIRM/AGENCY _____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **ZIP** _____

E-MAIL: _____ **OFFICE #** _____ **HOME #** _____

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUESTED

To be guaranteed a role in the 2006 Tournament, responses must be received by **February 10, 2006**.
Responses received after the deadline are still appreciated, and often vital.

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