

Oswego County Bar Association
High School Mock Trial Program
Program Objectives

I. For Students

- A. Gain a basic understanding of the legal mechanism through which our society resolves many disputes;
- B. Develop critical-thinking skills, oral advocacy skills, and understanding of a substantive area of law;
- C. Increase understanding of the roles of persons in the judicial system;
- D. Enjoy opportunities for the study of fundamental law-related concepts such as justice and equality;
- E. Increase proficiency in basic skills such as listening, public speaking, reading and critical thinking; and
- F. Expand knowledge about the philosophy and content of the law as applied by our courts and the legal system.

II. For Schools

- A. Promote cooperation among students of various abilities and interest;
- B. Demonstrate to the community the achievements of high school students;
- C. Provide a competitive event set in an academic environment;
- D. Recognize those students who have devoted significant time, energy and enthusiasm to achieving and learning objectives of the mock trial program.

III. For The Community

- A. Enrich law-related high school classes by providing accurate and practical information about law and the legal system;
- B. Provide opportunities for positive interactions between young people and role-players in the legal system; and
- C. Demonstrate to the community a model for public/private partnerships in education.