

LAWWORKS

A LAW EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP



Dear Legal Community Leaders,

The Center for Youth Citizenship's (CYC) *LawWorks* is a model law education partnership that develops youth understanding of the judicial system and increases their engagement with the courts and the law. *LawWorks* is designed to connect teachers and legal professionals, expanding youth service to schools and local communities. Through its service, leadership, moot court, mock trial, and youth court components, *LawWorks* provides youth with the opportunity to develop the academic and character-based citizenship® skills needed by our young citizens.

Providing students with experienced legal representatives whose presence will foster a professional atmosphere is essential to the success of the *LawWorks Partnership*. Currently, legal community leaders are needed to serve in the capacity of Attorney Coaches and Volunteer Judges. Volunteers serving as Attorney Coaches provide ongoing support and training about the rule of law and courtroom procedures, and assist youth participants in developing and organizing legal arguments for the Gordon D. Schaber (GDS) Competition (Moot Court & Mock Trial) and/or Sacramento Youth Court. Volunteer Judges are needed to oversee GDS Competition rounds and determine how effectively teams have prepared and presented their legal arguments.

Legal professionals interested in serving as an Attorney Coach and/or Volunteer Judge are encouraged to submit the volunteer application form to CYC. For your convenience, an online registration is available at www.youthcitizenship.org. For more information about *LawWorks*, please feel free to contact the Center at (916) 955-8655 or via email at gds@youthcitizenship.org. Please consider partnering with us this year, and be sure to invite your colleagues to join you!

Sincerely,

The Center for Youth Citizenship (CYC)

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GDS Competition - Moot Court Attorney Coach

Moot Court is an appellate level proceeding in which participating youth prepare and argue a topical case matter before a panel of three judges that evaluates the students on the quality and persuasiveness of their legal reasoning and presentation, as well as their unscripted responses to spontaneous questions from the bench. Individuals serving in the role of Attorney Coach will share their legal expertise with their teams by volunteering approximately 25 hours between October and January. (Approximately 2 hours per week.)

- First Choice: _____ High School
- Second Choice: _____ High School
- Please assign me to any participating high school in the _____ area.

GDS Competition - Mock Trial Attorney Coach

Mock Trial simulates a trial level proceeding in which students portray the roles of pre-trial counsel, prosecuting and defense attorneys, witnesses, court clerks, bailiffs, and jurors before a single presiding judge and two scoring judges. Individuals serving in the role of Attorney Coach will share their legal expertise with their teams by volunteering approximately 25 hours between October and January. (Approximately 2 hours per week.)

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Youth Court Attorney Coach

Youth Court is a bi-monthly court service program that provides students with the opportunity to participate in required court functions, including serving as District Attorneys, Public Defenders, jurors, bailiffs, court clerks, and case managers. Attorney Coaches for Youth Court will be matched with a Teacher Coach throughout the school year and will meet with their school teams bi-weekly for 2 hours (approximation - hours may vary).

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- Second Choice: _____ High School
- Please assign me to any participating high school in the _____ area.

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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GDS Competition - Moot Court Volunteer Judge

Moot Court is an appellate level proceeding in which participating youth prepare and argue a topical case matter before a panel of three judges that evaluates the students on the quality and persuasiveness of their legal reasoning and presentation, as well as their unscripted responses to spontaneous questions from the bench. Individuals serving in the role of Volunteer Judge are needed for approximately 3 - 9 hours during the week of January 25 - 30, 2010.

Date	Event	Time	Check Preferred Time(s)
Tues., January 12, 2010	Volunteer Training Session	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	All volunteer judges, new and returning, are asked to attend this training session.
Mon., January 25, 2010	Moot Court - Round 1	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wed., January 27, 2010	Moot Court - Round 2	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
January 30, 2010	Moot Court - Round 3	8:30 am - 10:15 am	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Moot Court - Round 4	10:15 am - 12:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>

GDS Competition - Mock Trial Volunteer Judge

Mock Trial simulates a trial level proceeding in which students portray the roles of pre-trial counsel, prosecuting and defense attorneys, witnesses, court clerks, bailiffs, and jurors before a single presiding judge and two scoring judges. Individuals serving in the role of Volunteer Judge are needed for approximately 3-12 hours during the week of January 25 - 30, 2010.

Date	Event	Time	Check Preferred Time(s)	
			Presiding Judge	Scoring Judge
Tues., January 12, 2010	Volunteer Training Session	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	All volunteer judges, new and returning, are asked to attend this training session.	
Mon., January 25, 2010	Mock Trial - Round 1	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wed., January 27, 2010	Mock Trial - Round 2	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sat., January 30, 2010	Mock Trial - Round 3	8:30 am - 11:00 am	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mock Trial - Round 4	12:30 pm - 3:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Send completed form to CYC at P.O. Box 278327, Sacramento, CA 95827 or fax to (916) 242-7560.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Back to School Night!
September 10, 2009

LawWorks Orientation & Distribution of Case Materials
October 14, 2009

GDS Luncheon
December 9, 2009

GDS Pre-Competition Scrimmage
December 14, 2009

GDS Judge's Volunteer Training
January 12, 2010

GDS Competition Rounds
January 25, 27, & 30, 2010

GDS Final Rounds
February 2 & 3, 2010

Awards Ceremony
February 4, 2010

Coach's Follow-Up Meeting
February 10, 2010

**Final Locations to be Announced.*

* **Youth Court** is held quarterly on Thursdays from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm.
For dates, please visit our website or contact CYC for more information.

Please visit our website at www.youthcitizenship.org for updates on current events and dates.
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