



Dear Friend and Colleague:

The Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) and the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL) are proud to host the 38th Annual National Trial Competition, which will be held in Austin, Texas. The competition is the preeminent mock trial competition in the country. This year we had over 300 teams compete in fourteen regional competitions across the nation, and 28 teams have advanced to the national rounds. The qualifying teams will come to Austin to compete in the prestigious National Mock Trial tournament on March 26-29, 2014.

This year, the students will try a civil case. There are three preliminary championship rounds scheduled at the Capitol Extension in Austin TX, as follows:

- (1) Round 1: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2012;
- (2) Round 2: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2012; and
- (3) Round 3: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2012.

We need a minimum of 50 attorneys, for each of the three preliminary championship rounds, to serve as judges. We need your help and your participation to make this work! As a judge in this preeminent competition, you will be impressed with the quality of the competitors and enjoy the reward of educating aspiring young law students who will soon join us as members of the Bar. You can also get 3 hours of CLE self-study credit for being a judge.

We also need a minimum of 84 additional volunteers for each round, no legal experience required to serve as witnesses for the competition. We will provide brief reading materials for the witnesses and all that is required is that you show up and let the advocates do the rest.

### **INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP?**

We are using VolunteerSpot to organize volunteers. Here's how to sign up:

1. Click the relevant link below:
2. Enter your email address: You do not need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose the time slot that you are available. You will receive an automated confirmation and reminders

Judges link: <http://vols.pt/Z6C7CQ>

Witness Link: <http://vols.pt/aBj1Vh>

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. *If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Sally Pretorius at [pretorius22@gmail.com](mailto:pretorius22@gmail.com) and I can sign you up manually.*

We thank you in advance for your help with this competition.