

Capital City ORC

March 17-18, 2012 • The E. Barrett Prettyman Federal Courthouse, Washington DC



IMPORTANT DATES

2/25 – SUBMIT ROSTER TO
AMTA at
collegemocktrial.org/mock/nationals_openinground.php

3/2 – LAST DAY FOR GROUP
RATE AT WASHINGTON SUITES



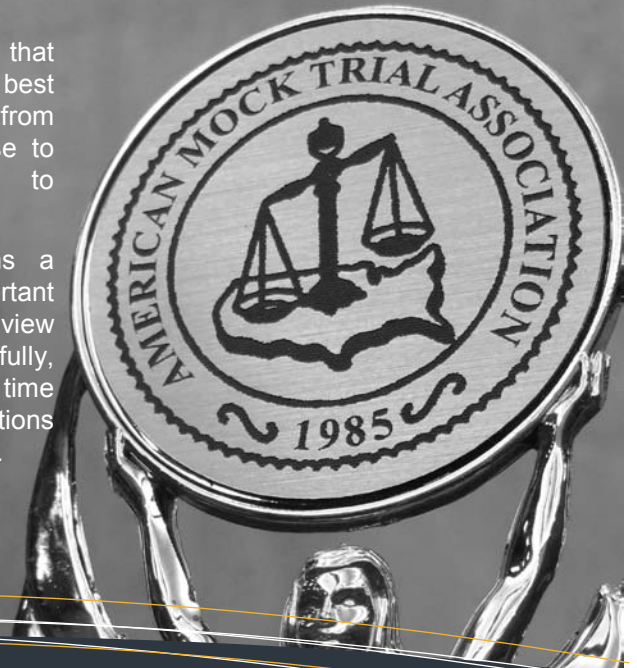
The American Mock
Trial Association

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Welcome to the Capital City Opening Round Tournament! Congratulations on earning a bid, and we look forward to seeing you in March

We want to be sure that you have the best experience possible, from a beautiful courthouse to experienced judges to convenient lodging.

This packet contains a great deal of important information. Please review it promptly and carefully, so we have plenty of time to address any questions or concerns that arise.



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www.virginiamocktrial.org/gamti/regionals.php

Tournament Schedule (tentative)

Saturday, March 17

- 8:30 am: Team registration
- 9:00 am: Opening ceremonies
- 9:45 am: Round 1 captains' meeting
- 10:15 am: Round 1
- 1:00 pm: Lunch
- 2:30 pm: Round 2 captains' meeting
- 3:00 pm: Round 2

Sunday, March 18

- 9:15 am: Round 3 captains' meeting
- 9:45 am: Round 3
- 12:30 pm: Lunch
- 2:00 pm: Round 4 captains' meeting
- 2:30 pm: Round 4
- Reception
- ASAP: Closing ceremonies

Rules for Use of the Prettyman Courthouse

The Capital City ORCS is one of very few AMTA tournaments where all rounds are held in courtrooms. We lost use of the Prettyman Courthouse for two years because previous competitors and guests violated the terms of use and only re-secured it based on emphatic promises that there would be no further violations of any kind. Our continued ability to use the Courthouse depends on staying in the good graces of all courthouse personnel, including the federal judges whose individual permission we must solicit in order to hold this event.

In general

- Food and drink (including coffee or sodas) may be consumed only in designated areas.
- We will supply our own trash bins through the building. No trash may be placed in any other trashcans, including those in the courtrooms.

Courtrooms

When the last person leaves a courtroom after the round, there should be nothing to indicate that anyone was there. In particular:

- There must be no eating of any kind (including gum, candy, or mints) inside any of the courtrooms by anyone, including spectators or judges. Participants must immediately report any violations to the Faculty Tournament Director.
- Water is the only beverage that may be consumed inside any of the courtrooms. No sodas, no coffee. Water must be in a secure container and any spills must be cleaned up immediately.
- Participants (competitors, spectators, and volunteer judges) must not move anything except the chairs at counsel table and the bench and may not touch anything except the chairs, the surface of the counsel tables and the bench, and the floor. Participants must not move or touch podiums, computers or other electronic equipment (including microphones), papers or other documents that may be in the courtroom, or easels or exhibits. This rule applies regardless of whether any such items are in the way or will make the round more uncomfortable or difficult for the competitors and regardless of anything a volunteer “judge” may say or do to the contrary. If any questions arise, participants must consult the Faculty Tournament Director.
- The chairs at counsel table must be reset precisely as they were before a team exits the courtroom.

Strict adherence to all of these Rules is essential. Things that may seem small to us—such as a failure to return all chairs at counsel table to their original positions before leaving the courtroom—are rarely viewed that way by the people who work in these courtrooms and will arrive on Monday with the expectation that things will be exactly as they left them on Friday. And, at the end of the day, their opinions are the only ones that matter in terms of our ability to use the courthouse.

The next page contains a form that must be completed by each team’s captain and by a coach for any team that has one. No team will be permitted to compete until we have received its form.

Acceptance of Responsibility

(All teams must complete)

I am the captain/coach of the team indicated below.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the “Rules for Use of the Prettyman Courthouse.”

I acknowledge that I have a responsibility to ask questions if I believe that anything is unclear and always to err on the side of caution.

I acknowledge that it is my personal responsibility to ensure that all of the participants in any round in which my team competes comply with these Rules. I understand that this obligation applies not only to myself and the student members on my team, but also includes the members of the teams against which we will be competing, spectators (whether affiliated with my team or not), volunteer judges, and coaches.

I understand that I must immediately report any violations of those Rules to the AMTA Representatives and the Faculty Tournament Director and that failure to do so will be deemed a violation of those Rules.

I understand that the tournament hosts will be taking photographs of the courtrooms before the tournament and will be checking the courtrooms throughout the weekend to ensure strict compliance with those Rules.

I understand that failure to comply with any of these obligations will result in sanctions to be determined in the sole discretion of the AMTA Representatives and the Faculty Tournament Director. I understand that those sanctions may include, but are not limited to, being required to pay for any cleaning expenses. I also understand that any violations may jeopardize my program’s future ability to attend this tournament or other tournaments.

School Name

X

Coach Signature

Phone Number

Email Address

Date

X

Captain Signature

Phone Number

Email Address

Date

Highlights

ALL RATES VALID UNTIL: March 2, 2012

Phoenix Park

520 North Capitol Street
Washington, DC
Phone: 202-638-6900
www.phoenixparkhotel.com

Double \$89
Triple – Quad \$129

RATES VALID UNTIL: March 2, 2012

Group: "Virginia Mock Trial"
Attendee Code: 16474
https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g_reservation.cfm?groupID=720758&hotelID=75979

Amenities
Breakfast: Not included
Wi-Fi: Included
Parking: Paid

Washington Suites

Washington Suites Alexandria
100 South Reynolds Street
Alexandria, VA 22304

Phone: 703.370.9600 x 7257
Fax: 703.370.7238

<http://www.washingtonsuitesalexandria.com/>

Nightly Rate: \$99

Group: "Virginia Mock Trial"

Amenities
Breakfast: Included
Wi-Fi: Included
Parking: Free on-site

Crowne Plaza

1480 Crystal Drive
Arlington, VA 22902

Phone: 1-800-2CROWNE

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/arlington/wasna/hoteldetail>

All Rooms: \$99

Group: "Virginia Mock Trial"
Reservations:
http://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?path=asearch&brandCode=cp&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=wasna&rateCode=6CBAR C&_PMID=99801505&GPC=VMT

Amenities
Breakfast: Not included
Wi-Fi: Included
Parking: \$21

Hotel Information

Please Note: The National Marathon is taking place on Saturday morning, and may close roads in a way that makes it difficult to access the courthouse, especially from Virginia. We will be monitoring the situation carefully and sharing information as it becomes available.



The Phoenix Park

The Irish-themed hotel is located on Capitol Hill, just steps from scores of restaurants.

The rooms are more cozy than spacious, but the location is very convenient. The Phoenix Park hotel is .7 miles from the Moultrie courthouse, the restaurants of Union Station, and numerous area restaurants.

A nearby parking alternative is Union Station: <http://www.unionstationdc.com/parking>

Washington Suites

The Washington Suites building was previously an apartment complex, and it shows in the size of the rooms. All suites feature a kitchen and separate living rooms from the sleeping areas.

The group rate is not available on their website, so please make reservations by phone or fax. Be sure to mention GAMTI to secure the group rate. If submitting your request by fax, please use the form at the back of this packet.



Crowne Plaza National Airport

The Crown Plaza National Airport is conveniently located very near Washington Reagan Airport with easy access to downtown. This facility offers excellent, modern accommodations and is more centrally located than the Washington Suites. Downtown Crystal City, with its Metro and restaurants, is a short drive or 15 minute walk away.



Reservation Request Form

100 S. Reynolds Street, Alexandria, VA 22304 Phone: 703-370-9600 Toll Free: 1-877-736-2500

Fax: 703-370-1434 Email: Reservations@wsava.com Website: www.washingtonsuitesalexandria.com

Reservation Request form Fax to:

703-370-7238

Reservation Request form Email to: Reservations@washingtonsuitesalex.com

Personal and Billing Information	
Traveler name	
E-mail	
Department	
Phone	
Fax	
Billing address	
Credit card name	
Credit card number*	
Credit card expiration date	
Lodging Information	
Group Name	Virginia Mock Trial
Arrival Date	
Departure Date	
Number of Travelers in Party	
Smoking Preference (Smoking or Non Smoking)	

**All group reservations can be guaranteed for late arrival by a credit card and are subject to 72 hour cancellation policy.*

When calling the hotel please ask for "in house reservations". If you prefer to e-mail your reservation request, please fill out this form and e-mail to Reservations@wsava.com. You can also fax this form to 703-370-1434. A confirmation letter will be e-mailed to you the next business day of receiving your e-mail.

Thank you for choosing the Washington Suites Alexandria!
We wish you a nice trip and a pleasant stay at our hotel.