

Dear David,

It is great to hear that a lot of your students are interested in partaking in the competition.

We would highly suggest that you register under one of your student's school name.

For more information, please see attached:

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Good morning:

The event will be taking place on Thursday and Friday (May 3rd and 4th, 2018) at the BC Provincial Court Buildings in [Surrey, BC \(14340 57 Avenue\)](#).

On Thursday May 3rd, 2018, the courthouse will only be available to students, chaperones, and parents. There will be a keynote speech by the Chief Justice of the Surrey Provincial Courts, and three rounds of preliminary mock trials (the third round will be hidden semi-finals). After each round, students will be provided with supportive feedback from a presiding judge, a panel of Crown and defence attorneys, and sheriffs. Optional workshops for teachers and chaperones, law educational resources, and students workshops will be scheduled all throughout the day. Students will have the opportunity to talk with justice professionals and ask questions about their careers. Finalists will be announced by the end of the day. Students who do not make finals are strongly encouraged to return on the second day to be recognized in the closing ceremony for their participation and to partake in the various law-related events.

On Friday May 4th, the courthouse will be open to the public and any spectators are welcome. Fun and interactive activities, booths, workshops, courthouse tours, impromptu showcases, and opportunities to meet and ask questions to panels of legal professionals will be available all throughout the day. The finals round, a full jury trial for competing students, followed by a closing ceremony and an awards presentation, will be happening later in the day.

Schools are invited to send teams consisting of 8 to 10 students. 4 students on the team will act in the role of lawyers and the remainder of students will act in the roles of witnesses (2 witnesses per side). Students may only be lawyers or witnesses; they will not be permitted to act in both roles. Teams are permitted to bring 2 alternates (for a total of up to 10 students).

We would like widespread participation in this tournament as possible, and so if there is anything we can do to help you successfully set up and prepare a team, please let us know. The tournament is open to all high school students in BC (Grades 9 to 12). However, due to limited court space, we will run through applications and contact successful applicants. There will be scholarships available for successful applicants. More information regarding the scholarship will be released in April.

There is no application fee, however, teams who are later contacted as successful applicants will need to pay the registration fee of \$250 per team within seven days of confirmation. Registration will only be complete upon receipt of your payment, and payment must be submitted prior to the registration deadline or teams will not be considered as registered.

Please note that registration includes a catered lunch. Please indicate any dietary restrictions of participants on the registration form, and likewise indicate the number of coaches attending with the team to we may arrange for the correct number of meals.

Here is our **application form** for 2018: <http://bit.ly/JESMTApplication>. We will forward you additional information and an updated handbook of rules & guidelines in early March. For now, please refer to this OBA handbook: <http://bit.ly/2EZP9CU>

For more on mock trial procedure, guidelines, and general information please visit our friends at OJEN: <http://ojen.ca/en/ocmt/resources/help-getting-started>.

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Hope you have a great rest of the day!

Sincerely,



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