



**The Victoria Bar Association and Crown Counsel Association, and partners are pleased to announce and invite you to the:**

## **The 2018 VANCOUVER ISLAND MOCK TRIAL COMPETITIONS**

### **What is it?**

We invite you to attend the **2018 Vancouver Island Mock Trial Competition**, on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. This competition is a special event designed to provide grade 9 to 12 students with the opportunity to learn about the Canadian justice system while actively participating in a real court room simulation. All BC high schools are welcome to participate. This will be the 13<sup>th</sup> iteration of this competition.

### **When is it?**

The competition will be taking place on **Law Day, Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018**. The competition is part of Law Week, a national event held annually celebrating the signing of Canada's *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, on April 17, 1982. Originated by the Canadian Bar Association and first held in Canada in 1983, Law Week provides the public with an opportunity to learn about the law and some of the legal institutions that form the cornerstones of Canadian democracy. It also provides the legal profession with an opportunity to educate the public about the vital role lawyers and the judiciaries play in guaranteeing an open, independent and unbiased judicial system.

### **Where is it?**

The Victoria Law Courts, at 850 Burdett Avenue. Teams will compete in real courtrooms!

### **How is it set up?**

The event will involve **teams consisting of 6 to 8 students**. 4 students on the team will act in the role of lawyers and the remainder of students (2-4) will act in the roles of witnesses. Students may only be lawyers or witnesses; they will not be permitted to act in both roles. Teams will be permitted to bring no more than 2 alternates should they so desire (for a total of up to 10). **It is recommended that schools arrange for teams of at least 8 participants.**

Each team will act as a prosecution and as a defence team during the first two morning rounds of the competition. The initial round judges (volunteer senior lawyers), will determine which teams exhibit the best 'lawyering' skills (this could even mean that a team loses a case but demonstrates better lawyering skills). Four teams will then break to a semi-final round, with the top two teams moving on to the finals to compete for the Provincial Mock Trial Trophy, with a real judge presiding, along with a jury comprised of local volunteer lawyers.

## **Accommodation and Transportation**

Because of the early start on Saturday, it will be necessary for teams coming from out of town to **travel to Victoria on Friday night** and find accommodation to house their teams. We suggest the Marriott Inner Harbour Hotel, which is not too far from the Victoria Courthouse. Teams are responsible for arranging their own transport and accommodation.

## **Method of Preparation**

Official rules, professional codes of conduct, and detailed briefs and depositions will all be made available on the DSABC and Victoria Bar Association websites in early March, 2018. If you have any questions about any of these documents, the competition rules, or how the competition proceeds, please contact the lead organizer, Dr. Teale Phelps Bondaroff (778-678-8325, [tealepb@gmail.com](mailto:tealepb@gmail.com)).

It is then highly recommended that your team garner the assistance of a local and active courtroom lawyer to familiarize you with legal procedure and strategy. The Victoria Bar Association has generously offered to assist teams with finding a lawyer to help teams prepare for the competition. If you would like the assistance of a local lawyer to help coach and/or train your team, please Paula Donachie ([paula.donnachie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:paula.donnachie@gov.bc.ca)) with the Bar Association to get in touch.

It is the competition organizers' desire to have as widespread participation in this tournament as possible, and so if there is anything we can do to help you successfully set up and prepare your team, please let us know. The tournament is open to all high school students in BC (Grades 9 to 12), and to teams representing BC high schools. Due to limited court room space, the tournament organizers reserve the right to limit the number of teams registered per school.

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.

## **Summary: 2018 Vancouver Island Mock Trial Competitions**

- Start Time – 8:30 a.m., Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- Location –Victoria Law Courts, Victoria, B.C. (location, see above)
- **\$200 per team, cheques made out to ‘Victoria Bar Association.’** And mailed to:

Teale Phelps Bondaroff  
#502 – 3252 Glasgow Ave.  
Victoria, BC, V8X 1M2

- **Registration is open until Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm.** No registrations will be accepted after this point, as we will need to book courtrooms and recruit judges/lawyers. **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.**

**Questions or complications? Contact Dr. Teale Phelps Bondaroff,**  
[tealepb@gmail.com](mailto:tealepb@gmail.com) or 778-678-8325

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**Cost: \$200 per team** (6 to 10 students).

~Please note any dietary requirements of participants and coaches~

Name of School - \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact (coach) - \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note the number of coaches attending for catering purposes)

E-Mail that is monitored - \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number/Cell - \_\_\_\_\_

School phone number - \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of team participants**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_

6) \_\_\_\_\_

7) \_\_\_\_\_

8) \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternates:**

9) \_\_\_\_\_

10) \_\_\_\_\_

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This information should be e-mailed to [tealepb@gmail.com](mailto:tealepb@gmail.com). I will then send a confirmation of receipt via e-mail. **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.** A receipt or invoice can be provided upon request.

## **Tentative Schedule – Saturday, April 21, 2018**

8:30 - 9:00 – Registration (please be on time so we can start on time)

9:00 - 9:20 – Opening remarks and participant briefings

9:30 - 11:00 – Round 1

11:00 - 12:30 – Round 2

12:30 - 1:30 – Lunch

1:30 – Announcement of Semi-Finalists

1:45 - 3:15 – Semi-Finals

3:15 – Finalists Announced

3:30 - 5:00 – Finals

5:00 – Awards and Closing Remarks