



The 2nd Annual RiceBowl Mock Trial Invitational Tournament



Judging Information

What is Mock Trial?

Mock trial is an intercollegiate competitive activity in which undergraduate students are provided a set of case materials by the American Mock Trial Association. Teams, each consisting of 6-10 students, prepare attorney and witness roles for both sides of the case. Students from different universities and colleges then compete directly head to head, in the format of a 3-hour trial, beginning with opening statements, then direct and cross examinations of 3 witnesses from each team (with evidentiary objections), and finally closing statements.

What does judging entail?

Mock trial is competitive, and that means that a winner for each match must be decided—this is done through judges. This means that we need skilled volunteers in the legal profession to be able to host the RiceBowl. As judge you would score the quality of the performances for both attorneys and witnesses. Additionally, one judge per round presides over the proceedings (including hearing arguments and making rulings on evidentiary objections). Members of the legal community are the only ones with the expertise required to provide a well-judged and fair round.

Location:

Rice University Campus

Who will be competing at the RiceBowl?

Last year in the Inaugural RiceBowl, the tournament featured teams from schools across Texas, including Baylor, Texas A&M, SMU, and Rice, along with teams from beyond Texas, including the University of Oklahoma, Millsaps, and LSU. The field is expected to widen further this coming year.

Who is qualified to judge?

Judges for the RiceBowl either have a J.D. or are law students who have taken evidentiary coursework.

How can I sign up to judge?

Email our Tournament Director Jonathan Parts at jpp3@rice.edu if you are able to judge any rounds, or fill out the following form:

<https://forms.gle/cCdgxB1TsBDrKibV8>

Breakfast will be provided to judges on Saturday and Sunday morning, lunch on Saturday afternoon, and snacks and beverages for all rounds.

Dates:

Round 1 - Friday, October 25, 6-9 p.m.

Round 2 - Saturday, October 26, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Round 3 - Saturday, October 26, 2-5 p.m.

Round 4 - Sunday, October 27, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.