



## **Tennessee State High School Mock Trial Competition**

### **SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA**

The Tennessee State High School Mock Trial Sportsmanship Award will be presented each year to the team that best embodies the values of the mock trial experience and demonstrates that commitment through its actions, words and attitudes – not only during trial rounds, but throughout the competition weekend. The recipient will be selected based on three elements:

#### **Team Nominations**

Each team participating in the state competition will be asked to nominate a team, other than itself, for the award. Teams should consider such issues as friendliness; courtesy to judges, bailiffs, opposing teams and other volunteers; fair and honest dealing during the competition; compliance with competition and trial rules; honest presentation of the case; graciousness in losing; and overall admirable conduct.

#### **Scorer & Judge Comments**

In addition to nominations from teams, the Mock Trial Committee will take into consideration comments – both good and bad – made by attorney scorers and presiding judges. A team with negative comments will not win this award. Positive comments will be used as a tiebreaker.

#### **Disqualification Based on Complaint**

Finally, the Mock Trial Committee reserves the right to disqualify a team from consideration based on complaints lodged by any coach, school sponsor, hotel staff, TBA staff or security/courthouse personnel. If the complaint is not in writing, the committee member who has been made aware of the complaint will complete a complaint form shortly after learning of the complaint. Complaints may include, but are not limited to, allegations that students violated courthouse rules and were in off-limit areas of the courthouse.

#### **PAST WINNERS**

2009 Clarksville High School, Clarksville  
2010 Dyersburg High School, Dyersburg  
2011 Beech High School, Hendersonville  
2012 St. Mary's Episcopal School, Memphis  
2013 Smith County High School, Carthage