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Dear Legal Community Leaders,

The Sacramento County Office of Education is pleased to announce that it will host the Gordon D. Schaber (GDS) Mock Trial & Moot Court Program for the 2010–11 school year.

The Mock Trial and Moot Court competitions provide youth with the opportunity to gain an understanding of the judicial process, work in collaboration with legal advisors, and learn the analytical and reasoning skills necessary to address legal issues as they explore a challenging problem.

This year, 25 schools will participate in the GDS Competition (22 Mock Trial and 16 Moot Court teams) and we need your help! This premier academic competition for high school students will not be possible without the involvement of many legal community members.

Volunteers are needed to serve as scoring attorneys and judges for Mock Trial and Moot Court competition rounds the first week of March. As a volunteer, you will sit in the jury box and score, or sit on the bench and judge, while students, acting as witnesses and lawyers, try an entire case in a timed exchange for the Mock Trial, or present arguments to a panel of judges for the Moot Court.

Please take a minute to complete the attached *GDS Volunteer Registration Form* and return it to us as soon as possible by e-mail ([mockmoot@scoe.net](mailto:mockmoot@scoe.net)) or fax it to (916) 228-2665.

If you have colleagues who might be interested in serving as scoring attorneys or judges, please encourage them to submit a form as well. Additional information about the GDS Mock Trial & Moot Court Competition can be found online at: [www.scoe.net/law](http://www.scoe.net/law). If you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me at (916) 228-2660 ([cirish@scoe.net](mailto:cirish@scoe.net)).

Thank you for your investment in and support of students by being involved in the GDS Competition!

Sincerely,



Craig Irish, Coordinator  
GDS Mock Trial & Moot Court Competition



# Gordon D. Schaber Competition

## Volunteer Registration Form

### Mock Trial

The Mock Trial simulates a trial level proceeding in which students portray the roles of pre-trial counsel, prosecuting and defense attorneys, witnesses, court clerks, and bailiffs before a single presiding judge and 2-3 scoring attorneys. Volunteers are needed for approximately 3-12 hours during the week of February 28 – March 5, 2011. Training will be provided before each round. Please check the event(s)/role(s) you are willing to volunteer for.

Date	Event	Time	Presiding Judge	Scoring Attorney
Monday, February 28	Mock Trial Round 1	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday, March 2	Mock Trial Round 2	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday, March 3	Mock Trial Round 3	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday, March 5	Mock Trial Round 4	8:30 am – 11:00 am	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mock Trial Quarter-finals (Top 8 teams)	12:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mock Trial Semi-finals (Top 4 teams)	3:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Moot Court

The Moot Court is an appellate level proceeding in which youth prepare and argue a topical case matter before a panel of three judges that evaluates the students on the quality and persuasiveness of their legal reasoning and presentation, as well as their unscripted responses to questions from the bench. Volunteers are needed for approximately 3-9 hours during the week of February 28 – March 5, 2011. Training will be provided before each round. Please check the event(s) you are willing to volunteer for.

Date	Event	Time	
Wednesday, March 2	Moot Court Round 1	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday, March 5	Moot Court Round 2	8:30 am – 10:30 am	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Moot Court Round 3	10:30 am – 12:30 am	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Moot Court Quarter-finals (Top 4 teams)	1:45 pm – 3:15 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Moot Court Semi-finals (Top 4 teams)	3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>

I am not able to volunteer this year but please keep me on the list for next year.

### Contact Information

Name: _____			
First	Last		
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		City	Zip Code
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