

Elizabethtown College
Mock Trial Club
Constitution

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Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Mock Trial Club at Elizabethtown College.

Article II: Object

The object of the Mock Trial Club shall be to acquaint students with trial advocacy and the legal system through the construction and delivery of case materials through several competitions hosted by the American Mock Trial Association and other similar organizations that are held throughout the year. This will enable students to see different aspects of law as they function within a court room, as well as to observe and understand the various aspects of the trial process. Participating in Mock Trial competitions will also educate students about the work of an attorney.

Article III: Members

All students registered at Elizabethtown College with an interest in law, public speaking, or debate shall be eligible for membership in the Mock Trial Club. Registering for either Mock Trial course through the Political Science department is not required for club membership.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1: The officers of the Mock Trial Club shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Club Council Representative.

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Section 2: The officers shall perform the duties as described in Article VI.

Section 3: The officers shall be elected at the first meeting of the Academic year to serve a term of one year and until their successors are elected. Their term shall begin upon adjournment of the meeting during which time they are elected.

Section 4: No person shall hold office if not a member, and no member shall hold more than one office at a time.

Section 5: Duties of the Officers

- a. President: The President shall call, organize, and preside over meetings. The President shall also be responsible for registering teams for competitions throughout the Academic year.
- b. Vice President: The Vice President shall serve as assistant to the President, and will serve as an interim officer ~~if~~ ^{for any absence} vacant from a meeting. The Vice President shall also be responsible for making any hotel reservations necessary for the teams to compete.

- c. Secretary: The Secretary shall serve as the custodian of all records of the Mock Trial Club. The Secretary shall also be responsible for gathering photographs of the team and for updating team scrapbooks throughout the Academic year.
- d. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall maintain accurate records of all financial concerns of the Mock Trial Club. The Treasurer shall be given the right to access funds and accounts through the Elizabethtown College Business Office, and shall allot monies as mandated by the membership of the Mock Trial Club. The Treasurer shall also head fundraising efforts in both the fall and spring semesters of the Academic year.
- e. Club Council Representative: The Club Council Representative shall attend all Club Council meetings held throughout the Academic year and report back to the members of the Mock Trial Club.

Article V: Meetings

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Section 1: A regular meeting of the Mock Trial Club shall occur every Sunday night and Tuesday night at 8:00pm. These meetings will be held in addition to the mandated meeting of the Mock Trial class on Monday night at 6:30pm.

Section 2: A special meeting shall be held at the decision of the President and the agreement of the Vice President. All Mock Trial Club members shall be notified of said meetings through e-mail.

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Section 3: All five officers shall constitute quorum and be required to hold a meeting.

Article VI: Parliamentary Authority

The President shall preside over meetings and determine how meetings shall be run. When necessary, the Vice President will assist the President.

Article VII: Amendment

Section 1: This constitution shall be amended at any regular or special meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice of the amendment was given to the members at least twenty-four hours in advance.

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Section 2: Upon *adaptation* ratification, amendments shall be sent to the Student Senate Judicial Committee and shall be put into effect upon approval from the committee.

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