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## Sponsor your local Bar Mock Trial Competition Heat!

### What is the Bar Mock Trial Competition?

The Bar Mock Trial Competition is an annual competition which puts students in the shoes of barristers, witnesses, court staff and jury members in a criminal trial. Taking place in crown courts across the UK, the competition involves over 2,500 student participants every year. The student teams are mentored by barristers and the trials are judged by members of the judiciary and senior barristers.



### What is a Regional Heat?

The competition is divided into two stages, Regional Heats and the National Final. In November 2017, we held 18 Regional Heats in locations as far reaching as Glasgow, Plymouth, Derry and Ipswich. The number of schools competing in each heat range from 6 in the smaller courts such as Plymouth, to 16 in Snaresbrook.

In November 2018, we are planning to hold 24 heats across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.



### Why become a Sponsor?

- Improve Social Mobility at the Bar

The Bar as a whole has been inundated with calls to take steps in improve social mobility within the profession. Identifying bright students capable of developing into professional barristers is, however, a lengthy and difficult process for any single chambers to undertake. We are devoted to doing just that, by giving capable state educated students a platform to shine.

- Strengthen ties with your local community

By sponsoring a Regional Heat, your chambers will strengthen bonds with the local community by supporting schools in your area. We deliberately keep our entry costs as low as possible for participating schools and rely on the financial aid and expertise of professionals such as you.

- Improve the image of your chambers

When you sponsor the Regional Heat, we will add you to our list of valued partners and publicise our partnership across our various media platforms. We will put your logo on our website and all Regional Heat materials (such as posters and programmes). We will want to shout about our relationship as much as you!

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## Who are you supporting?

The Bar Mock Trial Competition is open to state schools and is primarily targeted at students who would not generally have the experience or access to contacts within the legal profession. Our national reach means we can go out to schools in any region of the UK and our dedicated team are committed to providing the opportunity to as many students as possible.

We use our vast network of contacts within both the education and legal sectors to bring together teams of your people with an interest and aptitude for the law with local legal professionals. In our 27 year history, many Bar Mock Trial Competition participants have gone on to study law and qualify at the Bar.

Sponsoring your local heat is an easy and straightforward way to make a real difference.

## How much is it to sponsor a heat?

A provision of £500 plus VAT (which can then be reclaimed).

## What does this pay for?

- Allowing us to invest in better quality resources and content to attract schools;
- Providing bursaries and grants for deserving schools to enter and travel to the heat;
- Allows us to invest more in staff to visit more target schools and spend more time supporting teachers and students;
- Subsidising the cost of entry across the whole competition to keep it affordable
- A prize for the most outstanding student, named after your chambers. You may also add a work experience opportunity for this student should you wish.

- Your logo on our programme and a thank you mention in the welcoming speech;
- Your logo on our new website showing your support for the heat you are supporting;
- An invitation to join us at the National Final in Edinburgh in 2019.



## Don't believe us? Listen to what your colleagues in the Bar have to say:

“Red Lion Chambers is very proud to sponsor the Mock Trial Competition for schools run by the Young Citizens and value our continuing partnership with this great event. Each heat provides a unique opportunity for school students from all backgrounds around the country to learn about the criminal justice system and the law. It gives students the chance to gain confidence in public speaking and to take part in a trial played out in front of real judges at the Crown Court. The experience provides access to the Criminal Bar and inspiration to those thinking of a possible career in the law.”

Michael Goodwin, Red Lion Chambers - sponsors of the Guildford regional heat in 2017

Contact [BMT@youngcitizens.org](mailto:BMT@youngcitizens.org) to discuss sponsorship opportunities