



Constitutional Rights Foundation's  
Monterey County Mock Trial Program



# COURTROOM ART CONTEST

## Official Rules

### Rules/Requirements:

- All contestants must be affiliated with a participating Mock Trial Team
- All participants must complete a permission slip authorizing the publication or reprinting of their Artists Contest submission for educational purposes. No financial compensation will be awarded.  
The sketch must depict an actual courtroom scene that you observe during YOUR school's trial (s).
- You may sit in the jury box away from scorers if seating is available.
- At the end of the trial, immediately turn your drawing in to a Lyceum staff member at the red table in the courthouse lobby (next to the security booth).
- The art submission must be done in color.
- The art submission must be done on paper of the dimensions 11"x14", with a horizontal format. If you forget your paper please inform someone at the red table.
- The art submission must have your name and school written legibly on the back of the sketch.
- You may submit as many sketches as you would like to do, but can only draw in your own schools trials.

### Tips & Ideas:

- Find the most newsworthy action that occurred in the courtroom. Perhaps there is an "ah-ha" moment, an intriguing witness, a shocking development with which to capture the emotion of the trial. The artist must remember that this is true reporting, and must be the "eyes of the court".
- Strive for accuracy in depicting the courtroom setting, but don't focus on sketching a microphone instead of the witness on the stand.
- Let the viewer know right away that this is a courtroom. Include items that convey the setting, but remember to tell as a full a story as possible, instead of focusing on minute details.