



Downstate Invite

Saturday, January 31st, 2026

Normal Community High School
&
Normal Community West High School



Registration Fee:

- \$60/School (\$30 per additional team). Try to limit it to two teams if possible for space.
 - Fees can be paid on the day of OR can be paid ahead of time. Whatever works best for you.

Check payable to Normal Community High School

- 3900 E. Raab Rd
Normal, IL 61761
Attn: Ricardo King and Kevin Shackley

Location:

- Normal Community High School (*Park in the lot with the flag pole, closest to Airport Rd*)
3900 E. Raab Rd
Normal, IL 61761

Arrival Time:

- 8:15am - 9:00am (Evaluators and Coaches, please try to arrive as close to 8:30 as you can so we can have our intro meeting before trials begin).
- First Trial - 9:15am
- Second Trial - 11:00am
- Awards and Lunch - 12:30pm - 1:30pm - Each team will be provided three pizzas (with 3 for each additional team as well).

Tournament Rules:

- We will follow the 2025-2026 ISBA Mock Trial Rules and Procedures.
- We will dress formally so please have your students prepare as though this were the State tournament or another formal regional tournament.
- *Time Keepers:* Please attempt to keep all roles close to the actual times. Each team shall provide one time keeper per trial. *We will loosely time. It will mostly be for practice purposes.*
- ONE Outstanding Witness and Outstanding Attorney Award will be given for each round.

Rosters:

- Because of the early nature of the tourney, we will not be adhering to the roster parameters (10 on the roster, 7 in one trial). That will be a team decision, though we recommend practicing how you would in future trials and at the state tournament.

Evaluators:

- Each trial will have at least (1) evaluator who is a competing college Mock Trial student OR practicing attorney.
- Evaluators will be local practicing attorneys from State Farm, ISU Mock Trial students, and other local law affiliates.
- **FOR EVALUATORS OR JUDGES:** Round 1 should run from 9 to 10:30. 2nd Round should run from 10:45 to 12:15. JUDGES AND EVALUATORS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR JUST ONE ROUND, YOU CAN DO SO! FEEL FREE TO CONTACT kingr@unit5.org or shacklk@unit5.org to let us know if this is something you are interested in doing.

Downstate Invite Room Information

Room Information		
School	Hallway	Room #
Normal Community (2 Teams)	Senior Hallway	9
Normal Community West (3 Teams)	Senior Hallway	11
Dunlap (2 Teams)	Senior Hallway	10
O'Fallon (1 Team)	Senior Hallway	13
Uni High (Champaign) (2 Teams)	Senior Hallway	6

Downstate Invite Trial Information

Round One Trials					
Time	Plaintiff	Defense	Judge	Evaluator	Room
9:15 AM	Normal Community 1	Uni High (Champaign) 1	Calli Farrell	Jake Fulk (1st Round Only)	IMC
9:15 AM	Normal West 2	Normal Community 2	Thomas McClure	Erin Engle	12
9:15 AM	Normal West 1	O'Fallon 1	Reese Mahoney (1st Round Only)	Erin Donaldson	15
9:15 AM	Uni High (Champaign) 2	Normal West 3	Sophia Downes	Carolina De	33
9:15 AM	N/A	N/A	Coach Bob (West)	Brock Melrose	35
Break: 10:45am - 11:00am (Please go to your assigned team room)					
Round Two Trials					
Time	Plaintiff	Defense	Judge	Evaluator	Room
11:00 AM	O'Fallon 1	Normal Community 1	Thomas McClure	Erin Engle	IMC
11:00 AM	Normal Community 2	Uni High (Champaign) 2	Brock Melrose	Caylie Carter (2nd Round Only)	12
11:00 AM	Uni High (Champaign) 1	Normal West 1	Calli Farrell	Erin Donaldson	15
11:00 AM	Normal West 3	Normal West 2	Sophia Downes	Carolina De	33
11:00 AM	N/A	N/A	Coach Bob (West)	N/A	35
12:30: Lunch in main cafeteria with awards to follow					