



— *Larry Bakko Professionalism and Civility Award* —

The *Larry Bakko Professionalism and Civility Award* is sponsored by the **National High School Mock Trial Championship** and was created to highlight the importance of professionalism among teams participating in our state tournament while honoring Larry Bakko's passion and dedication for Mock Trial.

The Team Professionalism Award nomination ballot will be included in your team's registration packet. During the competition experience (inside and outside the courtroom), your team and coaches will observe other participating teams and, using a subjective process, will nominate another team to be considered for the *Larry Bakko Professionalism and Civility Award*. Teams may take into account the behavior of students, coaches, and spectators associated with other teams when making a nomination for this award.

Teams may not campaign for this award. When discussing this award with students, it is hoped that coaches will emphasize the importance of professional behavior inside and outside the courtroom throughout the competition. The discussion of this award will provide you with an excellent opportunity to review the Code of Ethical Conduct and the Rules of the Competition that deal with ethics and decorum. Discussions about this award will provide coaches the opportunity to discuss the high standards of professionalism attorneys are held to as members of the Bar.

The qualities that teams nominated for the award must demonstrate inside and outside the courtroom include:

- A professional demeanor
- Civility
- Integrity
- Honesty
- Fair play
- Respect for the competition
- Respect for fellow competitors
- Respect for volunteers and all associated with the program inside and outside the courtroom throughout the competition

Each team must submit one team ballot nominating another team for the Professionalism Award. A team may not nominate itself. A team may nominate another team that they competed against in one of their rounds, or not, as it sees fit. The NHTMTC Board of Directors will not recommend a particular process by which each team determines their nomination, but suggests that coaches take student input into account when completing the nomination ballot. How a team reaches the decision to nominate another team for this award is completely within the purview of that team.

All ballots are due before a team leaves the courthouse and after the fourth round on Saturday. Ballots will be submitted to the courtroom liaison and turned in with the scoresheets. Do not exit the building before submitting the *Larry Bakko Professionalism and Civility Award* nomination ballot. For questions regarding this award, contact the NHTMTC Board **BEFORE** the national competition begins.

Thank you.



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Team Nomination Ballot

Our team, _____ *(school name),*

votes for the state _____ (or their team code) _____,
for the **Larry Bakko Professionalism and Civility Award** at National High
School Mock Trial competition.

Reasons why our team voted for this team are:

Tie Breaker Vote ONLY:

Our team's second choice vote is for the state _____
(or their team code) _____.

Reasons why our team voted for this team are:

*A team **MAY NOT** vote for itself.
ALL teams must submit **ONE** ballot each.*

The team nominated above demonstrated the following qualities throughout this
year's state finals tournament:

- A professional demeanor
- Civility
- Integrity
- Honesty
- Fair play
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This ballot will be collected by your presiding judge at the end of your fourth round.