Become a Mock Trial Volunteer and Help the Youth of Los Angeles!

THE MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM
Want to use your law school experience to help thousands of Los Angeles County youth and meet practicing attorneys and judges, all in just one evening? You can, by volunteering to score one or more rounds at the Constitutional Rights Foundation’s (CRF) 27th Annual Mock Trial Competition, November 1st –10th. Nearly 2,000 students from over 106 Los Angeles County senior and junior high schools are expected to compete during the month of November.

The mock trial is an academic program, in which schools compete at the county, state and national levels. The trials are a simulation in which students portray each of the principals in the cast of courtroom characters. The program allows students to acquire a working knowledge of our judicial system and encourages them to develop their analytical abilities and communication skills while gaining increased self-confidence.

HOW YOU CAN HELP
We need 2nd and 3rd year law students to act as scorers and sit in the jury box with attorneys, while student teams present their case to a judge or a commissioner. Scorers are given a set of criteria by which the two participating teams are rated numerically. The criteria include the quality of the students’ presentations, their grasp of the law and court procedures, and their understanding of the case itself. You can volunteer to score as many trials as you would like, the time commitment is minimal and only requires volunteers to attend a brief (10 min) meeting prior to the beginning of each trial.

TRIALS
Trials take place 4:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All trials are conducted at the downtown Los Angeles County Superior Courthouse (111 North Hill Street) and complimentary parking is available in Lot 17 (Olive and 1st).

VOLUNTEER
No experience is necessary, although it is helpful to have taken evidence and Constitutional Law. Once you return the volunteer form, CRF will send you the case and scoring criteria. To download a volunteer form, visit our website at www.crf-usa.org and click on Los Angeles County Mock Trial and Volunteer or contact Sylvia Andresantos at 213.316.2127 or email Sylvia@crf-usa.org. We hope that you can find time in your busy schedules to volunteer to make this valuable educational opportunity possible for the young people of Los Angeles!