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CONSTITUTION

of the

MOCK TRIAL TEAM

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Barrington High School, in order to participate in competition with other high schools, do hereby establish this constitution for the **Mock Trial Team of Barrington High School**.

ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1 The name of this organization will be the **Mock Trial Team of Barrington High School**.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Section 1 The purpose of this organization will be:

- 1) to participate in the Rhode Island Legal/Educational Partnership and Mock Trial Tournament(s); and
- 2) to promote and develop life skills including communication skills, public speaking, negotiation, critical thinking, citizenship awareness, consumer expertise, and leadership.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 The **Mock Trial Team(s)** will be each composed of from 4 to 6 students who are interested in participating in the Mock Trial Tournaments.

Section 2 The team(s) members will make a commitment to attend all meetings and to prepare themselves for all activities held during the year.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1 There will be a captain of the team(s). The captain shall be an upperclassman who will assist the advisor in the organization and coordination of the team's preparation and participatory activities.

Section 2 The captain will be chosen for a one-year term.

Section 3 In the event there is more than one team, each team will have a spokesperson. The spokesperson will be chosen by each team. The role of the spokesperson will be to coordinate his/her team's activities with the captain.

Section 4

The spokesperson will be chosen for a one-year term.

**ARTICLE V
DUTIES OF THE ADVISOR**

Section 1

Duties of the advisor:

- 1) the advisor will attend all team(s) meetings;
- 2) the advisor will help students prepare for the Rhode Island Mock Trial Tournament;
- 3) the advisor will arrange for transportation to and from the tournament; and
- 4) the advisor will be trained as a coach through workshops, seminars, and in-service training through the Rhode Island Legal/Educational Partnership.
- 5) The advisor will attend a mandatory Orientation Session (typically in November) in the lawyers lounge of the Frank Licht Judicial Complex on Benefit Street in Providence.

**ARTICLE VI
DATES AND PLACE OF TEAM(S) MEETINGS**

Section 1

The **Mock Trial Team(s)** will meet once a week from September until the date of the Rhode Island Mock Trial Tournament (typically between January and April) in a location and at a time mutually agreed upon by the advisor and the team members.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1

The constitution will be effective immediately after ratification by the school committee.