



The National High School Mock Trial Championship Board in partnership with Great River Technologies presents:

National Mock Trial Practicum web site.

This tool is an enhancement to the Mock Trial programs offered at your respective schools in the State that you participate. This site is for general informational purposes and some information, details, and suggestions may conflict with the tournament rules in some state programs. All team members should consult the rules of their competition before implementing the suggestions on the site.

The purpose of this site is to:

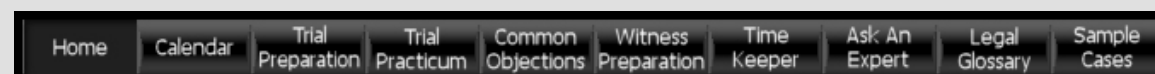
- Enhance the Mock Trial experience for students, teachers, coaches, and judges.
- Provide an interactive area that will help students better understand how to give a statement, ask questions, control a difficult witness, and make timely objections.

For example: An interactive exercise that allows a student to watch a clip of a direct and choose the appropriate objection. The system will provide feedback to the student on the accuracy of the objection and hear a legitimate response. It will demonstrate opening statements, closing arguments, direct examinations, cross examinations and rebuttals. There will be videos, virtual reality clips, drag and drop exercises and much more.

- Allow coaches to run a strong Mock Trial program if they are new to the activity, don't have access to an attorney coach, or would just like to better understand the process and involvement! The site will include the ability for the coach to customize the view for their teams and schedule practices, scrimmages, and tournaments for students to see on-line.

This site is supported by the [National High School Mock Trial Championship Board](#).

The National Mock Trial Practicum Site features:



- POST ANNOUNCEMENTS
- POST CALENDAR EVENTS
- USE DISCUSSION BOARD TO ASK EXPERTS QUESTIONS
- QUIZ QUESTIONS
- FLASH CARDS
- VIDEO CLIPS
- COMMON OBJECTIONS
- DEFINITIONS & ANALYSIS

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- Available through the last day of the National Tournament
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Sample Quiz Questions

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

Exam: Test Your Knowledge!
Availability Begins: April 25, 2007 @ 2:00 PM CDT
Availability Ends: April 25, 2027 @ 2:00 PM CDT
Instructions: Apply the appropriate objection to the questions being asked.
Your Status: [A retake is available.](#)

load your test

Click once and wait for the next screen to load.

Exam: Test Your Knowledge!
Instructions: Apply the appropriate objection to the questions being asked.

(1) When did you stop beating your wife?

A Argumentative

B Leading

C Narrative

D Hearsay

Submit Answer

Skip Question

Information and Interactive Features to teach Common Objections

Tips for Objecting
Narrative
Relevance
Character of Witness
Lack of Personal Knowledge
Lack of Professional Knowledge
Leading Question
Argumentative/Badgering
Asked and Answered
Assumes Facts Not Evidence
Lack of Foundation
Speculation
Non-Responsive
Unfair Extrapolation
Hearsay
Cumulative
Test Your Knowledge

OBJECTIONS

"Objections are used in courtroom procedures to prevent the introduction of prejudicial evidence, to insure a fair trial by excluding evidence that is not relevant, speculative, violates legal privilege, or improperly impugns a defendant's character. Objections are also used to expedite the trial and avoid a waste of the Court's time by excluding needlessly cumulative evidence. And, finally, objections are used to protect witnesses from harassment, intimidation, and misleading questions."



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- *May It Please the Court*

PROCEDURE
Before making an objection an attorney must first decide if the material or evidence being presented is objectionable. If so, the attorney must decide on which grounds the material is objectionable. "Grounds" is the term used to describe the evidentiary rule being violated.

Another important step, but one that is often forgotten, is deciding whether the material is WORTH objecting to. Petty objections will annoy the judge and jury and may make it appear that an attorney does not want all the facts to come out.

After deciding that an objection should be made, the attorney should stand all the way up and say, "Objection," followed by the grounds of the objection. If the objection is one that requires explanation, the initial statement may be followed with the phrase, "May I be heard?"

The Common Objections page lists a variety of objections. With a click of the button, you can learn more about the objections, such as Hearsay.

Video Clip
Interactive Exercise
Test Your Knowledge

HEARSAY

"Hearsay" is testimony as to someone's "statement" other than courtroom testimony, offered as proof of the truth of the statement. As a general rule, hearsay statements are NOT admissible unless the statement is within one of the recognized exceptions.

DEFINITIONS
"Statement"
1) an oral or written assertion
OR
2) nonverbal conduct of a person, if it is intended by the person as an assertion.

"Hearsay"
a statement, other than one made by the declarant while testifying at the trial, offered in evidence to prove the truth of the matter asserted in that statement.


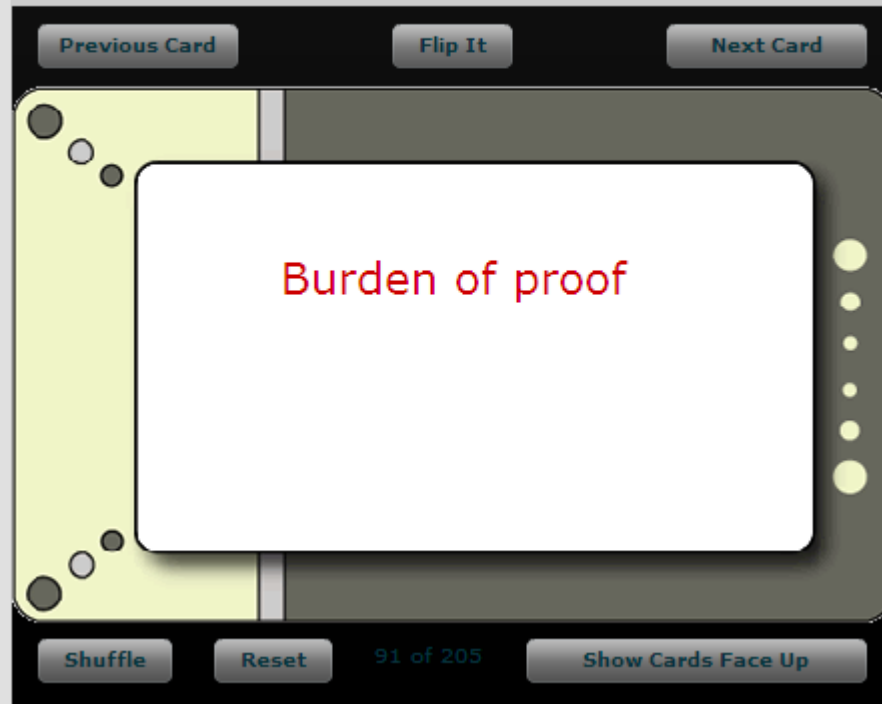


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HEARSAY ANALYSIS
Hearsay is one of the more common, and complicated objections used in court. As noted earlier, relevant evidence is admissible, unless there is a reason it is excluded by the Rules of Evidence. One of the reasons evidence is excluded is that it may be unreliable.

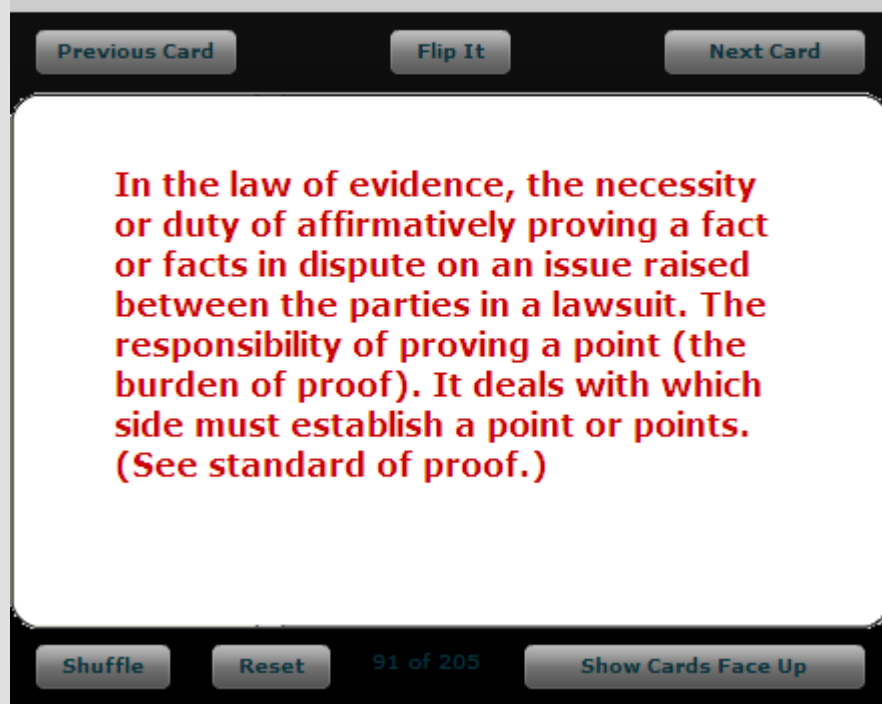
Sample Flash Card

FLASH CARDS



Virtual exercises, such as flash cards, allow your team members to practice legal terminology.

FLASH CARDS



Sample Video Clip

This video clip demonstrates a Direct Examination.

DIRECT EXAMINATION



Choose your connection speed to begin video playback.

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For more information concerning the National High School Mock Trial Championship, visit their website at <http://www.nationalmocktrial.org/index.cfm>