

Each year, the San Diego Defense Lawyers host a national law school mock trial competition providing future trial lawyers an incredible opportunity to present both the plaintiff and defense sides of a civil case in San Diego Superior Court before local members of the bench and bar. Awards are given to the first and second place teams as well as to the highest-scoring individuals for best opening statement, best direct examination, best cross-examination, best closing argument, and best overall attorney.

Details for the 2024 Competition

Dates: November 7-9, 2024

Location:

San Diego Central Courthouse
100 Union St, San Diego, CA 92101

*Check in at the jury lounge on the third floor.

Competition Format and Schedule

20 teams – each team must be prepared to present both sides of the case

4 law students per team – each student must serve as an attorney on one side and a witness on the other

Round 1: November 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Round 2: November 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Award Banquet (location TBD): November 8 at 8:30 p.m.

Semi Final Rounds: November 9 at 9:00 a.m.

Championship round: November 9 at 1:00 p.m.

Registration

Registration will be open starting on **April 22, 2024**. The cost is **\$500** per team. Teams will be registered on a first come first serve basis. Each school is only guaranteed one team, but please let us know if you are interested in fielding a second team. We will reach out if we are able to accommodate any requests for a second team.

Resources

This competition will be based on a civil fact pattern with two plaintiff witnesses and two defense witnesses. The fact pattern will be available for download on **August 30, 2024**.

The 2024 competition rules are available for download [here](#).

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2023 Competition Results

Congratulations to the winners and runners up of the 2023 SDDL Mock Trial Competition!

Southwestern Law School won 1st place with team members: Colleen Blackburn, Michelle Schaubert, Morgan Shafia, and Rosemary Karapetyan.



Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law took 2nd place with team members:
Parker Dippel, Anastasia "Staci" Vaughn, McKenna Hunter, and Adam Bixby.