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The Bar Association of San Francisco Barristers Club Mock Trial Committee runs the Mock Trial Program for San Francisco's public schools. We need additional volunteer coaches for three teams. One school has been with the Mock Trial Program for several years and the other two are new to the Program. The new teams are both from under-served communities that would benefit greatly from this experience. This is a fantastic way to help students in low income neighborhoods by serving as a teacher, mentor, and coach! It is also an opportunity to become involved with the Bar Association of San Francisco and to network with others in the legal community.

Here is some more information about the BASF Barristers Club Mock Trial Program:

- The Mock Trial Program is a statewide competition developed and sponsored by the Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) and is administered by the BASF Barristers Club Mock Trial Committee and the BASF diversity department;
- Eight San Francisco public high school teams participate in a county-wide mock trial competition in mid-February;
- Coaches meet with students on a weekly basis between October and February—coaches divide the time commitment up amongst themselves, so the estimated total time commitment is approximately 6 to 9 hours per month;
- Coaches meet with students either at the local high schools or at the coaches' offices;
- Every school/team has a teacher liaison;
- The county-wide mock trial competition is held at the San Francisco Superior Court and is presided over by State Court judges;
- The Program is an amazing opportunity for students to learn about the American legal system, develop analytical and public speaking skills, and work as a team;
- Part of CRF's objective is to educate students about the Constitution and their rights as citizens;
- Last year's hypothetical case posed important Fourth Amendment issues in the context of technology (search and seizure and accessing Internet user accounts to obtain evidence) and this year's hypothetical case deals with cyber-bullying;
- Volunteering as a mock trial coach is a great way to brush up and further develop your own trial, litigation, evidence, and public speaking skills;
- The BASF Barristers Club Mock Trial Committee handles all logistics and supports new coaches with lesson plans and orientations; and
- The BASF Barristers Club Mock Trial Committee also plans networking events for our coaches—a way to have fun and meet other attorneys from many different sectors of the San Francisco legal community.

Applications to coach are due by Thursday, September 23, 2010. Please see the next page for more information on the Program, including how to become involved.

Information About the Schools:

Eight San Francisco schools participate in the BASF Barristers Mock Trial Program. We currently need additional coaches for three of our schools, including:

College Track:

Not a high school but a community-based organization in the Bay View Hunters Point with a very diverse population of high school students. College Track is an after school, college prep program that helps to increase high school graduation and college enrollment for students in under-resourced communities. This is College Track's first year with the BASF Barristers Mock Trial Program.

John O'Connell High School:

John O'Connell High School is located in the Mission District and is one of the most diverse schools in San Francisco: 62% of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch; 74% of the student population is Latino; and 12% of the student population is African American. This is the school's first year participating in the BASF Barristers Mock Trial Program. The principal is VERY committed to the Mock Trial Program.

Lowell High School:

A veteran school of the BASF Barristers Mock Trial Program, Lowell High School has received state and national recognition as an institution of excellence. The school offers an extensive curriculum that includes many honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses that are noted for their rigor and quality.

Additional Information About the BASF Barristers Mock Trial Committee:

More information about the BASF Barristers Club's Mock Trial Committee and Program can be found here: http://www.sfbar.org/barristers/committees_mocktrial.aspx.

Members of the BASF Barristers Mock Trial Committee include:

- Chair: Kimberly Taylor, Taylor & Company Law Offices, LLP (ktaylor@tcolaw.com)
- Vice-Chair: Courtney Minnick, Justia (courtney@justia.com)
- Vice-Chair: Matthew Gluck, Shartsis Friese (mgluck@sflaw.com)
- Vice-Chair: Ila Deiss, Assistant United States Attorney (ila.deiss@usdoj.gov)
- Director, BASF Diversity Pipeline Programs: Jayne Salinger (jsalinger@sfbar.org)
- Director, BASF Barristers Club: Dan Lavery (dlavery@sfbar.org)

To Get Involved:

To volunteer as a mock trial coach, please submit your name and resume to Jayne Salinger, Director BASF Diversity Pipeline Programs (jsalinger@sfbar.org) and Kimberly Taylor, Chair BASF Barristers Club Mock Trial Committee (ktaylor@tcolaw.com). Applications to coach are due by Thursday, September 23, 2010.