

**Merced County Office of Education**  
**Mock Trial Courtroom Artist Contest**

The Courtroom Artist Contest is a competition that allows art students the chance to participate in the Mock Trial Competition. Contestants observe their schools' Mock Trials and create drawings of the courtroom scenes. The artist is asked to submit their work within 10 minutes after the verdict is read.

The drawing must be done on horizontal paper with the dimensions of 11"x14". The Courtroom Art Contest is an individual contest. The student artist is able to win the Courtroom Artist Competition, regardless of how their team performs at the competition.

Winners will be announced at the Mock Trial Awards Ceremony.

**Requirements:**

- Any dry medium may be used but color is preferred.
- Your sketch must depict an actual courtroom scene that you observe during Round 1 or 2. You may draw and submit for both rounds. Only one submission per student per round.
- **At the conclusion of each round you must submit your work to the presider after the debriefing remarks** (5-10 minutes after the verdict). Only drawings submitted to presiders will be entered in the contest. Do not bring your drawing to Mock Trial staff yourself.

**Instructions:**

- Introduce yourself to the scorers (they will be sitting in the jury box) and the presider (he will be sitting on the bench)
- Sit at the table provided for courtroom artists or in the jury box below the scorers.
- Once you are seated, you **may not have any contact with anyone from your school** (parents, teachers, or fellow students). You must create your drawing completely independently.
- **At the conclusion of your team's rounds you must submit your work to the presider after the debriefing remarks** (10 minutes after the verdict). The judge will deliver the drawing to Mock Trial staff, so be aware of the possibility of smudging, should you choose to use charcoal or pastel. Please use some type of spray sealer to reduce smudging.
- **Be sure to write your name and school onto the back of the drawing you submit.**