

Dear Howard County Bar Association,

We are the team captains of the Centennial High School Mock Trial team. Mock Trial has been a club at Centennial for several years now, but during the past few years the club has soared to new heights. For the past two years, Centennial Mock Trial placed first in the Howard County Mock Trial Competition, undefeated the past year. Due the success that we have had at the county level, we were able to make it to the next phase of the competition, but, unfortunately we were unable to make it to the regional competition. However, the setback did not discourage us, as we are now more motivated than ever to improve upon the skills we gained through our past experiences. In order to do so, we have decided to attend an international Mock Trial competition in Atlanta, Georgia.

We applied to the Empire Mock Trial competition and were accepted, making us the first team in Maryland to be invited to participate. However, in order to take advantage of this opportunity, we must raise the funds to cover the serious costs associated with the programs. We have been holding bake sales and lemonade stands at our local library, but can only do so much without help, which is why we are writing to you today. In order to be able to go to the Atlanta competition, we must raise enough money to cover the costs of our chaperones (our Mock Trial coach and one other adult) and hopefully be able to lower the costs for our members, as well. We have calculated that this trip will almost certainly not be feasible without at least \$2,500-\$3,500 worth of sponsorship. I noticed on your website that (your firm/the association) has a strong commitment to community outreach and furthering the education of law, so we are wondering if you would be interested in financially sponsoring some part of our competition. If you do decide to sponsor our trip, our school administration has stated that they are willing to advertise and promote the association. We are more than willing to meet with you in person to discuss this matter. We can also be contacted at centennialmocktrialteam@gmail.com. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider our proposal.

Sincerely,

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