



MOCK TRIAL

INVESTIGATE

Mock Trial trains students for intercollegiate competitions where they learn substantive law and trial mechanics. In its fifth year, the team has positioned itself as a regional and national force, placing as high as 3rd in the nation. The program seeks to:

- Recruit and retain undergraduate students of excellence
- Support an interdisciplinary approach to the study of law
- Develop in its participants critical life skills related to public speaking, communication, networking and leadership

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Through Mock Trial, 100 undergraduate students considering careers in the legal field and community service learn the mechanics of a trial and substantive law in the Art of Trial Law course. Limited by funding constraints, the program accepts only 34 students to field four competitive travel teams, 8 members each and two alternates. Ethnically diverse, UCI's team is commonly referred to as the "United Nations Squad."

IMPACT

Selected team members volunteer to assist with a UCI sponsored Mock Trial Training Program for high school students. Currently, this serves four local high schools. This year, the team came into the season ranked first in the nation and beat out the defending national champ – Duke University – at the anteater's home tourney. Top finishes throughout the year have ensured the team a top seed at nationals 2013.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The program has operated on a \$5,000 gift from the School of Social Sciences to assist with National Tournament expenses. This year, the school's Development Office solicited team sponsorships from alumni, law firms and the community. The students raised support by hosting high school mock trial training sessions and scrimmages, two invitational tournaments and the first round of the National Tournament. Team members generally pay half their travel expenses to compete in national tournaments, on average, a total of \$25,000. A gift to Mock Trial has the power to transform individuals and communities and truly make a difference.