

# CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT - 2012

*Teachers: Please present this signed form to the coordinator / bailiff prior to every trial.*

A plaque in the Lawyers' Lounge of the Dauphin County Courthouse admonishes as follows:

## **DO AS ADVERSARIES DO IN THE LAW – STRIVE MIGHTILY, BUT EAT AND DRINK AS FRIENDS**

This admonition forms the basis of the following Code of Ethical Conduct:

1. Students, teachers and attorney advisors agree to treat each other, the evaluating judges, presiding judges, courtroom staff and mock trial coordinators with respect.
2. All participants agree to display proper courtroom decorum and good sportsmanship during all aspects of the competition.
3. All participants acknowledge that the reality of the adversarial system is that one party wins and the other loses. The participants agree to accept either outcome in a mature manner.
4. All participants agree that the highest value should be placed on excellence in preparation, presentation and sportsmanship.

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