

HASTINGS TRIAL TEAM

2017 – 2018 APPLICATION

Please complete the following application and attach **a copy of your resume, a current photograph of yourself** (photo may be a black & white copy but please make sure we can see your face clearly, this will help us keep everyone straight during try outs!) and **a grade sheet that shows the grade you received in each of your classes through Fall 2016.**

Please submit your completed application in the box outside of the Trial Team Office (**Room 462 in the 198 building**). **All applications must be submitted on or before Friday, March 31st at 5:00 p.m. Email submissions will not be accepted.**

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

Summer '17 Address (if different than address above):

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Undergraduate Education (where/what year did you graduate):

GENERAL LAW SCHOOL INFORMATION

Current Law school status: 1L 2L

1L Section: 1 2 3 4

GPA:

Awards or recognitions you have received while at UC Hastings:

LAW SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Please note, if you have not taken Evidence or Trial Advocacy I by Fall 2017 and are selected to join Trial Team you will be automatically enrolled in these courses as a member of the team. Please indicate below which courses you have taken or whether you will be taking them over the summer. In addition to the information below, please do not forget to attach a grade sheet to your application.

Legal Research & Writing

Instructor:
Final Grade:

Moot Court

Instructor:
Case:
Did you pass the 10 error check the first time (if you know yet)? Y N

Evidence

Professor:
Semester:
Final Grade

Trial Advocacy I

Professor:
Semester:
Final Grade

Trial Advocacy II

Professor:
Semester:
Final Grade

Please list any other practical skills courses you have taken or will take this summer (i.e. negotiation, trial objections etc.):

EXTRA-CURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

Have you volunteered to help at a Hastings Trial Team event, competition, or practice? Y N
If yes, please list below:

Please list ALL on-campus extra-circular obligations during the 2017-2018 school year (journal, clinics, student organizations etc.) along with your position/role (if applicable) and estimated time commitment (hours per week, weeks per semester):

Please list ALL off-campus obligations during the 2017-2018 school year (jobs, externships, volunteer jobs etc.) along with your position/role (if applicable) and estimated time commitment (hours per week, weeks per semester):

Trial Team is a big commitment and requires regular weeknight and weekend practices starting approximately six weeks before competitions. Do you anticipate that any of the commitments you have listed above will interfere with your participation on Trial Team?

What, if any, other factors may be obstacles in your participation on Trial Team?

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Please briefly list any past law-related experience you have had, please do not forget to attach resume:

List any law-related employment anticipated during Summer 2017 or 2017 – 2018 academic year (don't panic if you don't know yet, that's fine!):

INTEREST IN TRIAL TEAM

If you are a 2L, did you try out for Hastings Trial Team last year? Y N

Briefly, why are you interested in joining trial team?

Please list any prior mock trial experience (high school, college or other):

Please list past speaking, debate, public presentation or litigation skills (please include year):

What skills would you bring to Trial Team?

Please feel free to (briefly) list any other reasons you are interested in trial team or any other skills or experiences you feel that we should know about:

PERSONAL INFORMATION

What do you like to do for fun (hobbies, volunteer positions, interests, etc.)?

SCHEDULING

When you turn in your application, please sign-up for any available timeslot for your tryout on the lists by the door of the Trial Team Office. First round tryouts will be held in the evenings of April 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Callbacks will be held in the afternoon to late evening of April 6th. Please do not sign up for a tryout spot if you cannot attend callbacks on April 6th. Applicants will be placed in timeslots so please be sure you are available for the entire evening.

Approximately 20 students will be invited to call backs (this is a rough estimate, we reserve the right to call back more or less than 20 students). Applicants who are selected to join the 2017-2018 Hastings Trial Team will be contacted by phone at night on April 6th or in the morning on April 7th.

TRYOUTS

Please review the fact pattern in the case, People v. Grouper. For your tryout you will be asked to deliver a **closing argument** and conduct a **cross-examination of Paul Salmon**. If you are invited to callbacks you will be asked to deliver a **closing argument** only.

You will give your closing argument on behalf of the defense and you will cross-examine a witness for the prosecution. This means that your client is Richard Grouper.

This is a criminal trial, meaning the prosecution must overcome the presumption of innocence and prove Richard Grouper is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt (the burden of proof). Questions you may have about the law in this case can be answered by reviewing the jury instructions in the case packet.

In a real trial or trial team competition, some evidence in the case pack might be excluded during trial (e.g. the photo pack identification or Mr. Grouper's sex offender status). However, you are to assume, for purposes of your tryout, that all of the evidence came in during trial.

Your summation should cover all the facts you think are important in this case. Your closing argument should be between 5-10 minutes long.

Similarly, the cross-examination of Paul Salmon should be brief (approximately 3 minutes) and should focus on what you think are the most critical issues to address with this witness.

If you would like help on constructing your closing argument or cross-examination, **you may not consult with current team members**. However, you may ask **anyone** else for help, look up aids online, or in textbooks!

Good Luck! We look forward to meeting you soon!
-Hastings Trial Team