To announce the 2014-2015 District Middle School Mock Trial Competition. Students prepare and argue a civil or criminal court case during the District competition on February 27, 2015.

The Middle School Mock Trial District Competition will take place on February 27, 2015. The location is the Law School at St. Thomas University - 16401 N.W. Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33054.

Please note the following important information regarding the District Middle School Mock Trial Competition:

- Each school may only register one team for the competition.
- The Middle School Mock Trial case is attached to this briefing or it can be downloaded from the Florida Law Related Education Association’s (FLREA) website, www.flrea.org, click on Programs, Mock Trial, and see the “2015 Mock Trial Case Packet” link.
- The District competition is governed by the state rules, in order to avoid confusion to the team that advances to the state competition and so that students only have to learn one set of rules. See attached rules accordingly.
- The following exception to the state rules should be noted: The District competition will NOT use power matching to conduct rounds and each school is required to bring a student bailiff/time keeper to assist with the logistics of running the competition. Failure to bring a bailiff/time keeper will result in a school not being able to participate.

- **To assist in covering the cost associated with holding the District Competition, each public and charter school participating must pay a $75.00 registration fee and each private school must pay $200.00 registration fee. Details of how to submit payment will be sent directly to team sponsors once registration information has been received.**

- **Substitute coverage will be provided to all non-charter public schools for one teacher/sponsor from each participating school for the day of the competition.** For additional information please visit the Florida Law Related Association Organization at www.flrea.org and click on programs and then Mock Trial.

- **All middle schools/K-8 Centers are asked to complete the attached participation form indicating interest in participating in the Middle School Mock Trial Competition. Please complete the attached participation form and return it to Ms. Jackie Viana, District Supervisor, Department of Social Sciences, via FAX, 305 995-1492, or via email, jviana@dadeschools.net. All responses must be received by Thursday, December 18, 2014. Teams MUST register for the District competition in order to participate. Schools should NOT complete the registration process found on FLREA’s website.**

- **If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Jackie Viana, jviana@dadeschools.net, District Supervisor, Department of Social Sciences, or at the number listed below.**