

Suggestions for a Mock Trial

1. Decide which points are the most important to prove your side of the case. Once decided, make sure those points are stated.
2. During the opening statement, clearly state what you intend to prove throughout the trial. During the closing statement, effectively argue and restate the facts and evidence presented throughout the case.
3. Follow the rules of the court (e.g., standing up when the judge enters or when addressing the judge, calling the judge "Your Honor").
4. Do not ask leading direct examination questions.
5. Pay attention to other questions that have been asked and the answers provided so that you do not repeat questions.
6. Be prepared so that you can think on your feet.
7. Be alert during the trial. Pay attention to the parts that directly affect your presentation, but also listen carefully to the other details that are shared. Anything you hear can benefit your argument, so listen closely and incorporate information into your presentation.
8. Have fun as you listen and learn!