



HARVARD UNDERGRADUATE MOCK TRIAL ASSOCIATION

**ANGELA R. MATHEW
HIGH SCHOOL
SEMINAR PROGRAM**

2024 REGISTRATION GUIDE

A LETTER FROM OUR SEMINAR DIRECTORS



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Angela R. Mathew
High School
Seminar Program
2024

Dear Coaches,

Our names are Sabra Ahmed and Halyna Bowley, and we are the Directors of Harvard Undergraduate Mock Trial Association's Angela R. Mathew High School Seminar Program.

We are so excited to announce the opening of registration for our 19th annual Angela R. Mathew High School Seminar Program! This year we will offer **an in-person program and a completely virtual option for BOTH weekends.**

As it has in years past, the in-person program will feature **in-person breakouts, lectures, campus tours, panels, and HUMTA merchandise (free and available for purchase).** For our virtual participants, interactive lectures and panels will be streamed live, and HUMTA members will lead breakout sessions over Zoom.

We look forward to seeing you this Fall during either our October weekend (10/19-10/20) or our November weekend (11/02-11/03).

All the best,

Sabra Ahmed and Halyna Bowley

Angela R. Mathew Seminar Directors

WHO WE ARE

HARVARD UNDERGRADUATE MOCK TRIAL ASSOCIATION

The Harvard Undergraduate Mock Trial Association is one of the most competitive college mock trial teams in the nation. Unique to HUMTA is our entirely **student run** team.

Our methods work. HUMTA ranked in the top ten at the 2024 AMTA National championship and is home to 4 current All-Americans and dozens more who have graduated. In recent years, we have consistently ranked amongst the best teams in the nation; earning two first-place national titles, a second-place national standing and a sixth-place national standing and receiving numerous All-American, All-National, and All-Regional attorney and witness awards. Through HUMTA's drive, team spirit, and dedication, our members have worked to become some of the highest-ranked competitors in the nation.

THE SEMINAR PROGRAM

The Seminar Program is a two-day training program designed to teach anyone from beginners to seasoned competitors about HUMTA's **Secrets to Success**. For the past 17 years, our program has hosted **live lectures, breakout sessions, and collegiate-level scrimmages** for high school mock trial teams across the nation, allowing them to take their skills to the next level and go on to win regional, state, and national competitions.

ANGELA R. MATHEW

Our annual High School Seminar Program bears the name of a brilliant team member, competitor, student, and friend, Angela R. Mathew. We honor Angela's legacy through the remembrance of her passion and dedication for everything that she did, including her leadership on HUMTA and our Seminar Program. We will continue to uphold and learn from her deep compassion, unbelievable intellect, and profound kindness.

THE SEMINARS EXPERIENCE 2024

LECTURES

OPTION: 1,2,3,4,5

Lectures highlight fundamental skills for mastering every aspect of Mock Trial, including statements, examinations, evidence, and presentation. Lecturers will host live discussions featuring foundational skills, live demonstrations and Q&A sessions with HUMTA members.

"HUMTA'S SECRETS TO SUCCESS" BOOK

OPTION: 1,2,3,4,5

All teams have access to *HUMTA's Secrets to Success*: our all-encompassing, student-written guide to all things Mock Trial. The book includes tips and tricks for writing and performing material with examples from the case in Option 2.

BREAKOUTS

OPTION: 2,3,4,5

Breakouts are one-on-one sessions with HUMTA Members that give students the chance to master skills covered in lectures, receive individualized feedback, and prepare case materials with the case we provide (Options 2 and 4) or your team's very own case (Options 3 and 5).

SCRIMMAGE

OPTION: 2,3,4,5

On the final day of the Seminar Program, we facilitate a scrimmage. Options 2 and 4: inter-team scrimmage using the case we provide. Options 3 and 5: intra-team scrimmage for teams whose numbers permit a scrimmage within their team using their own case.

Please contact seminar directors with any questions regarding scrimmage logistics.

PANELS

OPTION: 1,2,3,4,5

We are excited to host opportunities for your team to interact with and learn from the entire HUMTA program, through student panels and live demonstrations. Details will be released with finalized schedules post-registration.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

ALL TIMES ARE IN ET

Saturday

- 9-10 Check-In & Opening Ceremony
- 10-11 Direct Lecture
- 11-12 Breakout Session One
- 12-1 Cross Lecture
- 1-2 LUNCH / Merch Distribution*
- 2-3 Coaches Session / Campus Tour
- 3-4 Breakout Session Two
- 4-5 Openings Lecture
- 5-6 Live Demos by HMTA

Breakouts and scrimmages are only available with Classic or Personalized options.

Merch will be given to all in-person participants at no additional cost!

Sunday

- 9-10 Closings Lecture
- 10-11 Witnessing Lecture
- 11-12 Breakout Session 3
- 12-1 LUNCH
- 1-2 Evidence & Objections
- 2-3 Breakout Session 4
- 3-4 Optional Office Hours
- 4-6 Scrimmage

REGISTRATION TIMELINE

Step One | REGISTER YOUR TEAM

By October 9 for October Seminar | By October 16 for November Seminar

- Fill out the **School Registration Form** located on our website.
Teams MUST register with one chaperone per breakout room of students
If you wish to register as an individual, please contact our Seminar Directors

Step Two | REGISTER YOUR STUDENTS

By October 9 for October Seminar | By October 16 for November Seminar

Have all team members fill out:

- **Student Registration Form**
- **Rules of Conduct and Media Contract**

***Both documents will be sent to you AFTER you complete the School Registration Form and are available on our website.*

Step Three | SUBMIT YOUR DEPOSIT

By October 9 for October Seminar | By October 16 for November Seminar

- After receiving your invoice, **submit your 1/3 cost deposit.**
Information regarding payment methods and terms will be forwarded with your invoice

Step Four | SUBMIT YOUR PAYMENT IN FULL

By October 18 for October Seminar | By November 1 for November Seminar

- After receiving your invoice, **submit your full payment by 8 PM ET the day before attending (10/18 or 11/01).**
If necessary, you can submit your remaining payment in-person during check-in, but you must notify Directors beforehand

STEP FIVE
ENJOY SEMINARS!
OCTOBER 19-20 OR NOVEMBER 2-3

Please reach out to our seminar directors at harvardmockseminars@gmail.com with any questions!