

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Trial Advocacy Program – Mock Trial Juror Volunteer Position Description

The annual WSBA Trial Advocacy Program (TAP) offers a two-day trial skills training by seasoned trial lawyers followed by a mock trial. This program is designed to give attorneys working in the criminal or civil arenas the skills to become effective trial lawyers. No trial experience is required to participate as a volunteer juror.

Position Overview: TAP mock trial juror volunteers will engage with attorney participants to simulate a trial scenario on Saturday, May 9, 2026, remotely via Zoom. During the trial, volunteer jurors will be asked to contribute their insights and perspectives, allowing participants to gain firsthand knowledge of the legal process and the role of jurors in the justice system.

Time Commitment: Volunteer jurors are required to attend the mock trial event on Saturday, May 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:35 p.m. Prior to the event date, volunteers may be asked to review prep materials, which is expected to take no more than 30 minutes to 1 hour. Volunteer jurors will participate in the mock trial entirely via Zoom.

Requirements: For the mock trial scheduled Saturday, May 9, volunteer jurors must be available from 8:30 a.m. to 1:35 p.m., ensuring their participation throughout the entirety of the event. Since jurors will be participating remotely via Zoom, access to a laptop or computer with reliable internet connection is essential for seamless engagement.

Benefits: Volunteering as a mock trial juror offers a multitude of benefits, beginning with an invaluable opportunity to gain firsthand insight into the intricacies of the justice system. Through engagement in the mock trial process, volunteers deepen their understanding of legal procedures and courtroom dynamics, fostering a more comprehensive knowledge base. Participation will allow volunteers to earn volunteer hours, contributing to personal and professional development, while making a positive impact on the community. Finally, volunteers can enhance their acting skills through the portrayal of juror characters, providing a platform for creative expression and experiential learning.

Reimbursement Policy: This is an unpaid volunteer position. WSBA will offer drawing prizes (up to \$25 value) to one volunteer juror in each mock trial courtroom (three total) who participate for the entirety of the mock trial. WSBA can also work with professors/schools that offer extra credit in class as an incentive to participate by providing electronic certificates of participation upon request.

Selection process: WSBA is looking to fill at least 18 volunteer juror positions for the mock trial. Volunteer jurors will be selected on a first sign-up basis, until available positions have been filled. There may also be occasions that arise where volunteers may not be selected to serve due to conflicts of interest (e.g., juror is familiar with an attorney participant).

For general information about the Trial Advocacy Program: <https://www.wsba.org/for-legal-professionals/wsba-club/new-member-education> - *Trial Advocacy Program*

How to apply: Those interested in volunteering are asked to complete this [registration form](#) no later than April 10, 2026.