

Illinois Trial Team

October 2013

The Premier Undergraduate Mock Trial Team at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

TRIAL TEAM ILLINOIS

October Updates

This month the Trial Team recruited new members with a booth on quad day and by passing out fliers in the dining halls and outside bookstores. We had over 100 students attend our informational meetings and we filled every spot to build 3 fantastic invitational teams! Team Firehaus, Team Cly's and Team Legends are working hard to prepare for our first scrimmage on October 12th at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and for our first tournament at Wheaton College on October 18th-19th! All of our members are looking forward to a fantastic season!



Note from the President

Our three teams this year are looking stronger than ever! This year, the Illinois Trial Team is aiming to become a more well rounded, pre-law organization. Because of our heavy focus on litigation, our executive board is targeting attorneys in the area to come speak about specific professions within the legal field. A special thank you to judge Kathryn Karayannis, an associate judge in the Illinois Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Court. She volunteered her time to talk about the progression of her career, what she has learned along the way, and what she expects when she enters the court house on a daily basis. It was an interesting presentation and it led to a very informative discussion about why the duties of a judge are definitely different from those of an attorney.

This year's case has allowed our team members to get a real taste of what trying a case in real life is like. Although mock trial provides its competitors with affidavits that the witnesses must stick to, there are many witnesses in this year's case that can be called on either prosecution or defense. It has led to some very interesting theories and call orders! Our team has put a lot of effort into dissecting the affidavits and charges, and I am confident that as the season goes on we will continue to find new ways to present our facts of the case!

I am very excited for this year, and I know it will be a great one!

-- Kelsey Chetosky

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Mocker of the Month

Congratulations to **Fallon Faia** for being the October Mocker of the Month! Fallon raised over \$1900 for the team over the summer. This is Fallon's second year on the Illinois Trial Team. She competed last year as a witness on Blue and was a great asset to their performance at nationals!



Top three things her invitational captain Ian Vitalis loves about having her on his team:

- 1) Fallon is extremely dedicated to the team and her toles
- 2)She is very creative and always willing to take on new roles
- 3)Fallon has worked extremely hard so far this year and has grown very much as an attorney

Upcoming Dates

October 12th, 2013 - Scrimmage at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

October 18th-19th, 2013 - Tournament at Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL

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**Congratulations to the 2013-2014
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