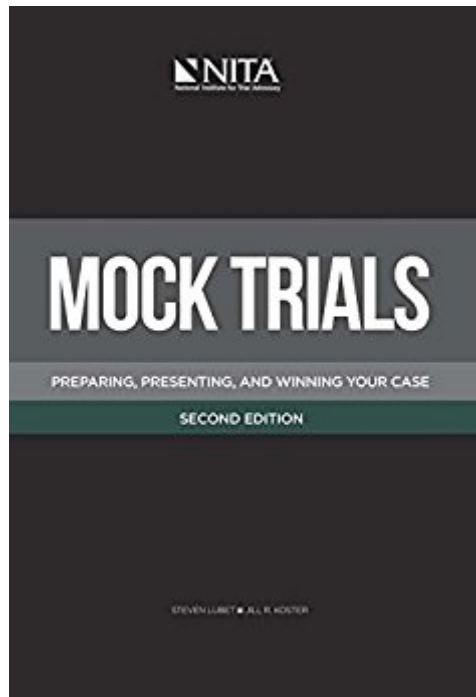


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# Mock Trials



## Synopsis

A mock trial may officially begin with opening statements, but experienced competitors know that the dialogue between counsel and the court beforehand can make or break their chances of prevailing. In this new edition of *Mock Trials*, the authors have added an entire new chapter ("Pretrial Matters") to explain the questions students should ask before a mock trial begins and why the answers to those questions are important. Just as in an actual trial, pre-trial matters do matter in mock trials because they can affect nearly every aspect of case preparation and presentation. First published in 2000, *Mock Trials* has become the leading textbook used by students and coaches to prepare for mock trial competitions. The Second Edition improves upon the first by providing students and coaches at every level with a complete step-by-step guide to preparing, presenting and winning a mock trial. Diagrams, charts and summaries, as well as sample fact scenarios, colloquies and arguments, are used to explain complicated concepts simply in an easy-to-follow and interesting manner. This textbook is specifically designed for use by pre-law and law students, but the legal and stylistic techniques it teaches remain applicable throughout lawyers' careers. For high school and undergraduate students competing in mock trials or considering a career in law, *Mock Trials* gives a solid overview of the conduct of a trial from start to finish. It's also perfect for mock trial coaches to use as a how-to guide. Topics addressed in this edition of *Mock Trials* include:

- Understanding the law and how trials work
- Organizing your trial binder
- Discerning the material admissible facts and outlining your case
- Devising a compelling theme and theory and telling a memorable story
- Communicating effectively both verbally and nonverbally
- Tailoring your presentation to bench trials versus jury trials
- Getting the most mileage out of pretrial dialogue with the court
- Understanding the rules of evidence and procedure
- Planning out your direct and cross examinations
- Laying foundations to admit all types of evidence
- Making and responding to evidentiary objections
- Drawing the sting and impeaching witnesses on bad facts
- Examining and challenging experts effectively
- Giving compelling opening statements and closing arguments

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This book is highly useful in a mock trial team setting. I recommend to all first-timers and advocate for more publicity of this text. It has been hard to find in hard copy form, but I would love to add it to my references.

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