

THE JUDICIAL PROCESS FOR THE MODEL SUPREME COURT

Delegations select 4 Judicial delegates for each case. Return Participation Agreement and Fee to receive Case and information.

BEFORE THE YOUTH GOVERNMENT SESSION

Delegates work in pairs to represent opposing sides of the appeal. It is suggested that each pair of students work with a local attorney to develop their appeal to the Model Supreme Court. The attorney's role is to provide advice, but not to develop arguments for the students.

With the help of these local attorney, the Appellants work to cite the Errors in the local trial that need to be addressed by the Supreme Court. The winning side (called the Appellees) work to show the Supreme Court that there were no Errors or that the Errors would not have influenced the outcome of the case. Each of these written appeals is call a BRIEF.

SUBMISSIONS

Delegates SUBMIT BOOKLETS (each containing a cover page, the Statement of Facts, Appellant's Brief, and the Appellee's Brief) to the Youth in Government Office by the final Deadline

CASE RATING

Judicial officers and Officer Candidates attend Case Rating to evaluate each case and place it on the docket. Consult the Manual for rating criteria.

AT YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

Each Judicial Delegate will present their case as an Attorney. Delegates will also have the opportunity to sit on the bench as a Justice for 1-2 other cases. Justices will hear oral arguments, consider the briefs, and render their OPINION. Each opinion is written and Justices explain their position on the closing day. The Justices may choose to UPHOLD or OVERTURN the Lower Court's decision or may REMAND the case for another trial. The decision of the State Supreme Court is final, unless grounds can be established to appeal to the US Supreme Court.

