

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION'S
California Mock Trial Program

OBSERVER FORM

RETURN TO PRESIDER AFTER THE VERDICT & DEBRIEFING

Role of the Courtroom Observer

Each team participating in CRF's Mock Trial Program is required to designate a person to serve as an official Courtroom Observer.

The general rule is that nothing in the courtroom should be touched or moved by Mock Trial participants.

The Observer's responsibilities include:

- Checking the status of the courtroom before and after each trial to ensure that all furniture and courtroom items are replaced to their original positions and conditions; and
- Watching for proper treatment of courtroom by participants and spectators during the trial.

The Observer's responsibilities DO NOT include watching for rule or procedural violations.

Every Courtroom Observer must complete the following checklist and return it to the Presider at the end of every trial.

<u>CHECKLIST</u>	
COURTROOM # _____	ROUND # _____
NUMBER OF CHAIRS IN COURTROOM _____	
THERE ARE PAPERS/NOTEBOOKS IN THE JURY BOX. (If yes, the papers cannot be touched.)	YES NO
ITEMS WERE MOVED OR REMOVED FROM THE CLERK'S DESK.	YES NO
ITEMS WERE MOVED FROM THE COURTROOM.	YES NO
CHALKBOARDS WERE ERASED.	YES NO
ALL TRASH WAS PICKED UP AND REMOVED FROM THE COURTROOM.	YES NO
ALL FURNITURE (CHAIRS, EASELS, ETC.) THAT WAS MOVED WAS REPLACED TO ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION.	YES NO
COMMENTS: _____	

I, _____, the Official Courtroom Observer for _____ school
(NAME OF OBSERVER)
from _____ County for Round _____ of the 2009 California Mock Trial Competition,
hereby certify that the above information is accurate and true.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____