



## Teacher-Specific FAQ

### **Can I be an effective teacher coach even if my knowledge of the legal system is limited?**

Absolutely! Even with limited legal knowledge, you can be an effective teacher coach by focusing on these key areas:

1. **Facilitating Learning:** Guide students through resources and structured materials to help them understand the legal system.
2. **Encouraging Skills Development:** Emphasize public speaking, critical thinking, teamwork, and research skills, which are essential for success in mock trials.
3. **Providing Support and Motivation:** Your enthusiasm and encouragement can greatly motivate students, helping them to succeed.
4. **Leveraging Team Expertise:** Collaborate with legal professionals or community members to provide the specialized knowledge your team needs.
5. **Organizing and Managing:** Your organizational skills are crucial in managing schedules, coordinating practices, and handling logistics.
6. **Fostering a Learning Culture:** Create an environment that encourages students to ask questions and explore legal concepts independently.
7. **Attending Training:** Participate in training sessions offered by mock trial programs to build your understanding of legal concepts.

Your role extends beyond legal expertise—guidance, inspiration, and organization are key to your team's success.

### **Where can I find resources to help my team master Mock Trial skills?**

Resources are available on the Center for Civic Values website, including downloadable PDFs with guidance for student attorneys, courtroom decorum guidelines, advice for student witnesses, and resources for teacher and attorney coaches. The site also features a Mock Trial Curriculum, developed by CCV Board Member and Mock Trial Teacher Raquel Medina, to help you and your team succeed.

For more information, visit the [Mock Trial Curriculum, Suggestions, and Guidance page](#).