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May 18-20, 2023



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# 2023 NHSMTC VENUES



All Locations are in Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

## Tournament Hotels

## Courthouses



1

Little Rock Marriott  
3 Statehouse Plaza



2

Little Rock Doubletree  
24 W. Markham Street



3

Pulaski County  
Circuit Courthouse  
401 W. Markham Street



4

Richard Sheppard Arnold  
United States Courthouse  
500 W. Capitol Avenue

## Pin Exchange and Championship Round Announcement

## Judging Panel Reception

## Awards Gala



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Front Lawn  
Old State House Museum  
300 W. Markham St.



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William J. Clinton Presidential  
Library and Museum  
1200 President Clinton Ave



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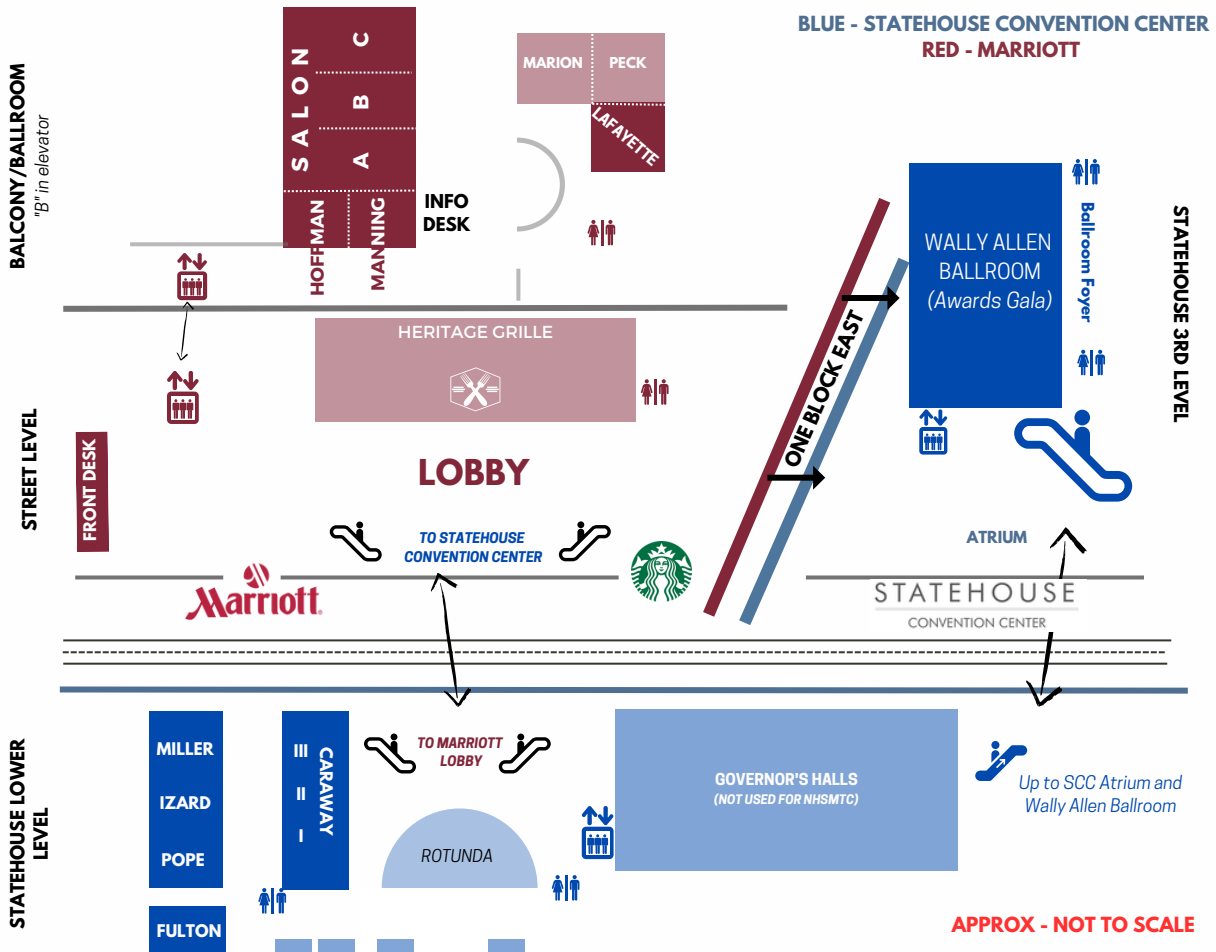
Wally Allen Ballroom  
Statehouse Convention Center  
101 E. Markham







# LITTLE ROCK MARRIOTT & STATEHOUSE CONVENTION CENTER MAP



Room	Event(s)	Room	Event(s)
Salon A	Coordinators' Roundtable Coordinators' Business Meeting Judging Panel Orientation Coaches Orientation	Caraway I, II, & III	Scrimmage Rooms
Salon B	Courtroom Liaison Orientation Time Keeper Orientation Friday's Student Social Event	Miller	Scrimmage Room
Salon C	Team & Observer Registration Friday's Student Social Event	Izard	Scrimmage Room
Manning & Hoffman	NHSMTTC Board Meeting	Pope	Scrimmage Room
Lafayette	Scrimmage Room Courtroom Artist Orientation Journalist Orientation	Fulton	Scrimmage Room
		Pinnacle Room	Hospitality Suite (By Invite Only)





# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



All Times Central  
LRM - Little Rock Marriott  
SCC - Statehouse Convention Center

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17			THURSDAY, MAY 18		
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Team & Observer Registration	Salon C, LRM	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Team & Observer Registration	Salon C, LRM
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum Tours	William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum Tours	William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum
9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Little Rock Central High School Visits	Little Rock Central High Museum	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Little Rock Central High School Visits	Little Rock Central High Museum
8:00 am - 8:00 pm	Scrimmage Rooms Available	Various Rooms, SCC	8:00 am - 2:00 pm	Scrimmage Rooms Available	Various Rooms, SCC
			12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Coordinators' Roundtable	Salon A, LRM
			1:30 pm- 2:45 pm	Coordinators' Business Meeting	Salon A, LRM
			3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Coaches' Orientation	Salon A, LRM
			3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Timekeeper Orientation	Salon B, LRM
			3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Courtroom Artist and Journalist Orientation	Lafayette, LRM
			4:15 pm - 5:30 pm	Educational Seminars	Various Rooms, SCC
			6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Pin Exchange	Old Statehouse Museum Lawn
			8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Hospitality Suite (By Invite Only)	Pinnacle Room, LRM



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**admission to**  
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# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



All Times Central  
LRM - Little Rock Marriott  
SCC - Statehouse Convention Center

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
FRIDAY, MAY 19			SATURDAY, MAY 20		
6:00 am	Round 1 Pairings Posted	Tabroom*	6:00 am	Round 3 Pairings Posted	Tabroom*
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Judging Panel Orientation	Salon A, LRM	7:30 am - 8:30 am	Judging Panel Orientation	Salon A, LRM
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Courtroom Liaison Orientation	Salon B, LRM	7:30 am - 8:30 am	Courtroom Liaison Orientation	Salon B, LRM
9:00 am	Round 1	Courthouses	9:00 am	Round 3	Courthouses
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Judging Panel Orientation	Salon A, LRM	12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Judging Panel Orientation	Salon A, LRM
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Courtroom Liaison Orientation	Salon B, LRM	12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Courtroom Liaison Orientation	Salon B, LRM
12:45 pm	Estimated Round 2 Posting	Tabroom*	12:45 pm	Estimated Round 4 Posting	Tabroom*
1:30 pm	Round 2	Courthouses	1:30 pm	Round 4	Courthouses
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Judging Panel Reception (By Invite Only)	Clinton Presidential Library and Museum	5:00 pm	Championship Round Announcement	Old Statehouse Museum Lawn
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Student Social Event	Salons B and C, LRM	5:30 pm	Championship Round	Eisele Courtroom, U.S. Courthouse
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Hospitality Suite (By Invite Only)	Pinnacle Room, LRM	8:30 - 11:00 pm	Awards Gala	Wally Allen Ballroom, SCC
			10:00 pm - midnight	Hospitality Suite (By Invite Only)	Pinnacle Room, LRM



# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Join in unique educational opportunities while in Little Rock.

## WILLIAM J. CLINTON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM

*What:* The Clinton President Library is offering self-guided tours of their facility. You will have access to an Apple or Android app and will be able to tour the facility. Volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Team members (including non-competing team members) will be able to enter the museum for free. All others will be charged a discounted admission fee of \$10.

*When:* Wednesday, 9 am – 5 pm and Thursday, 9 am – 3 pm

*Where:* 1200 President Clinton Avenue

*How:* All visitors will travel to the Library on their own. The library is about a fifteen-minute walk directly east of the Little Rock Marriott.



## LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

*What:* Little Rock Central High School is a National Historic Site commemorating the fight for school based integration and equality through the stories of the Little Rock Nine. "In 1957, Little Rock Central High School was the epicenter of confrontation and a catalyst for change as the fundamental test for the United States to enforce African American civil rights following Brown v. Board of Education." - <https://www.nps.gov/chsc>  
The National Parks Service has a museum commemorating the history of Little Rock Central High School. You will be able to see the exhibits and go to the exterior of the school itself. (Visits inside of the school will not be allowed, as this is a normal school day.)

*When:* Wednesday, 9 am – 3 pm and Thursday, 9 am – 3 pm

*Where:* 2120 W. Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive

*How:* Visitors may use prearranged busses (please check with Host staff to confirm) or travel on your own. Buses will be scheduled to depart 45 minutes after each hour from the Old Statehouse Museum (located next to the Little Rock Marriott). Teams may also choose to visit the museum on their own.



## EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

Several educational seminars are planned just before the Pin Exchange:

- Arkansas history and politics,
- Last-minute trial advocacy or witness tips, and
- Paying for college and law school

*When:* Thursday, 4:15 – 5:30 pm

*Where:* Statehouse Convention Center

*How:* Check signs on site for locations.





# TEAM, GUEST, AND COMPETITION INFORMATION

## REGISTRATION CENTER

All teams, courtroom artists, courtroom journalists, state coordinators, and observers may pick up their credentials and any purchased tickets at the Registration Center in Salon C (Marriott). Any credentials or tickets not picked up by 5 pm on Thursday will be available at the Information Desk.

**Where:** Salon C, Little Rock Marriott (balcony level)

**When:** Wednesday, May 17 - 9 am - 5 pm  
Thursday, May 18 - 9 am - 5 pm

## INFORMATION DESK

Information about the competition, directions, restaurants, Little Rock, and more can be found here.

**Where:** Outside Salon A, Little Rock Marriott ("B" Balcony level)

**When:** Thursday, 9 am - 5 pm  
Friday, 7:30 am - 5 pm  
Saturday, 7:30 am - 5 pm

## CREDENTIALS, TICKETS, AND PASSES

Everyone attending the competition must be registered and display their NBSMTC credentials. All participants are expected to wear their lanyard for entry into all events. Everyone attending a NBSMTC event must have either a pass as specified below, a specific ticket for admittance into an event, and/or an All-Access Pass.

**Red:** Official team members, teacher/coach, artists, journalists, and state coordinators.  
*These serve as your all access passes.*

**Black:** Observers, additional noncompeting team members, and additional coaches.

**Blue:** Little Rock 2023 staff and volunteers and NBSMTC Board of Directors

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# TEAM, GUEST, AND COMPETITION INFORMATION

## TRIAL LOCATIONS AND COURTHOUSE SECURITY

Please expect security at both Courthouses. At registration, every team will receive a box. It is recommended that each team use this box to place all items (belts, phones, keys, cameras) in the box before the security screening and then slide the box through security at the respective courthouses. Then all participants and observers should proceed through security. Generally, courthouse treat security like the airport—if it cannot go through security at the airport, it cannot come into the courthouse. Water bottles, with lids, are permitted through security. We have been given special permission to bring in cell phones; however, *taking pictures inside the building using a cell phone is prohibited.*

Please give yourself and your teams ample time to enter security in advance of your trials. Please be courteous to the staff and ensure you pick up after selves. Please share your appreciation for their use of their space.

Where:	Pulaski County Circuit Courthouse - 401 W. Markham Street and Richard Sheppard Arnold United States Courthouse - 500 W. Capitol Avenue
When:	Competition Trials

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# TEAM, GUEST, AND COMPETITION INFORMATION

## SCRIMMAGE ROOMS

Rooms are available to the teams who reserved them through the Scrimmage Form. Teams are asked to be respectful of other teams who are also sharing the rooms.

- Be mindful of the noise carryover between rooms, and hallways.
- Do not leave trash behind, please dispose of properly.
- Leave or return the room to its original set up.
- Respect the schedule and give all teams the times they signed up to use.
- Respect all Little Rock 2023, Marriott, and the Statehouse Convention Center staff.

*Where:* Locations: Caraway I, Caraway II, Caraway III, Miller, Izard, Pope, Fulton (SCC) and Lafayette (LRM)

## MEALS

Teams should prepare to provide and secure all meals on their own. Please call ahead to ensure your restaurant is open and serving on the weekends. Please make sure all food can be served in a timely fashion so as not to miss any trials.

A meal will be provided at the Pin Exchange, and desserts will be served at both the Student Friday night social and the Awards Gala.

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# SPECIAL EVENTS

## PIN EXCHANGE

Celebrate your journey and your accomplishments while meeting your fellow mock trialers! Meet your kindred spirits and make new friends! Teams should exchange their chosen items in this special celebration while engaging in super low key, fun, and relaxing yard games before the start of the competition days.

**Who:** Teams, Artists, Journalists, Coaches, and State Coordinators

**When:** Thursday, 6 - 8 pm

**Where:** Front Lawn at the Old State House Museum  
300 W. Markham St.



## FRIDAY NIGHT STUDENT EVENT

Come socialize with your new friends and relax! Whether you want to sing your heart out with karaoke, play some board games or trivia, or even partake in yoga, take a break from the competition and enjoy time with your new and old friends! There will also be time to meet law students and ask them about their journeys into law!

**Who:** Teams, Artists, Journalists, Coaches, and State Coordinators

**When:** Friday, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**Where:** Salons B and C, Little Rock Marriott



## AWARDS GALA

Gather to celebrate your Mock Trial experience and acknowledge the immense dedication and talent it took to qualify for this event. Furthermore, celebrate the Courtroom Artists, Journalists, top 10 Outstanding Attorneys, top 10 Outstanding Journalists, the top 10 teams, and your new National Champion. Then dance the night away and enjoy your time together!

**Who:** Everyone (with a ticket)

**When:** Saturday, 8:30 - 11 pm

**Where:** Wally Allen Ballroom,  
Statehouse Convention Center





# INVITATION-ONLY EVENTS

## HOSPITALITY SUITE

Reflect on the day, relax, and (re)connect with your colleagues over refreshments. Enjoy the view of Little Rock from the top floor of the Little Rock Marriott.

**Who:** All state coordinators, coaches, judging panel members, board members, and volunteers.

**When:** Thursday 8:30 - 10:30 pm  
Friday 9 - 11 pm  
Saturday 10 - 11:50 pm

**Where:** Pinnacle Room (Top Floor), Little Rock Marriott



Photo Courtesy of Little Rock Marriott

## JUDGING PANEL RECEPTION

All judging panel members, state coordinators, and board members are invited to the Grand Ballroom of the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum to spend time in community with one another. In addition to the archival collections and research facilities, the Clinton Presidential Library and Museum features exhibits, special events, and educational programs. The celebration of the volunteerism of the legal community will occur in the Great Hall of the Library.

**Who:** Judging panel members, state coordinators, and board members.

**When:** Friday, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Where:** Great Hall,  
William J. Clinton  
Presidential Library and Museum  
1200 President Clinton Ave.

**How:** Please RSVP.  
Check with Tournament Staff  
for bus information.  
Busses will be on a loop from the  
Little Rock Marriott to the Library.



Photo Courtesy of the Clinton Library and Museum



# MEETINGS

## STATE COORDINATOR ROUNDTABLE

*When:* Thursday, Noon - 1:30 pm

*Where:* Salon A, Little Rock Marriott

## STATE COORDINATOR BUSINESS MEETING

*When:* Thursday, 1:30 - 2:45 pm

*Where:* Salon A, Little Rock Marriott

## COACHES ORIENTATION

*When:* Thursday, 3 - 4 pm

*Where:* Salon A, Little Rock Marriott

## TIMEKEEPER ORIENTATION

*When:* Thursday, 3 - 4 pm

*Where:* Salon B, Little Rock Marriott

## COURTROOM ARTIST & JOURNALIST ORIENTATION

*When:* Thursday, 3 - 4 pm

*Where:* Lafayette Room, Little Rock Marriott



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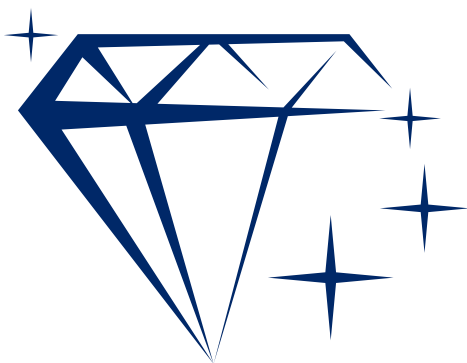
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