

MLC PROGRAM AREAS

APPELLATE COURT

During conferences, Appellate Court participants will serve as either a Justice or an Attorney, with attorneys separated into Appellants (representing the party that filed the appeal) and Respondents (representing the party who is defending against the appeal). During the Appellate Court proceedings, the attorneys present an oral argument to a panel of justices who hear the case and then draft one or more opinions to decide the case. Both attorneys and justices are given cases and back-up material to study between T&E II and the MLC conferences. Attorneys are required to speak in front of their panel of justices and field questions. Justices ask attorneys questions and then meet in their group to discuss their case. The Appellate Court program consists of approximately 200 participants, and is part of the Court Track.

Appellate Court Appointed Leadership: Lead Appellant, Lead Justice, and Lead Respondent.

ASSEMBLY

Along with the members of the Senate, the members of the Assembly are primarily concerned with the passage of Legislation. All members of the Assembly (and Senate) are also voting members of our Legislative Committees. During conference, Assembly members will debate bills in Committee and debate bills on the Floor of the Assembly. Assembly members speak during their Committee and have the opportunity to speak in front of the entire Assembly. The Assembly program is comprised of a Blue group and a Gold group. Both consisting of approximately 150 participants, and is part of the Legislative Track.

Assembly Appointed Leadership: Legislative Committee Chair
Assembly Elected Leadership: Chief Clerk (2), Sgt-at-Arms (2), and Speaker of the Assembly, Speaker Pro-Tem

BENCH TRIAL

During conferences, the Bench Trial program (formerly known as the Trial Court) participants are split into teams of two and will serve as either a prosecuting attorney, or a defense attorney. Attorneys will be taught the basics of how to try a case, such as opening/closing statements, direct examinations, cross examinations, and evidence. The program culminates in the halls of the Sacramento County Superior Court, where each team will argue in front of a judge. Attorney's work in teams of two and speak in front of a small group. The Bench Trial program consists of approximately 215 participants. The Bench Trial is part of the Court Track.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education focuses on a current issue facing education in California. They analyze what potential improvements could be made, and why those changes should be effected. Board members are divided into task forces that work on an aspect of the main topic. These groups research their position on the topic, hear speakers, write a proposal advocating their solution to the problem, and presenting that solution before the Board of Education. Board members work and present in a small group. The Board of Education program consists of approximately 150 participants and is part of the Legislative Track.

Board of Education Leadership: State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction

BROADCAST MEDIA

The Broadcast Media program is by application only. Participants can be reporters, anchors, producers, or part of the technical crew. Broadcast Media participants produce and broadcast three television programs during the MLC conference. Competition for the 28 positions in Broadcast Media is high, so make sure your applicants have a back-up plan if they are not selected. The Broadcast Media program consists of 28 participants and as stated previously, all positions are appointed. Broadcast Media is part of the Unique Track.

Broadcast Media Appointed Leadership: Assignment Editor, Deputy Social Media Editor, Executive Producer, and Social Media Editor

CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY TEAM

The California Emergency Team is a dynamic program area in which participants will work to solve a crisis facing the State of California. Each year, the staff team will manufacture a crisis to be managed by the California Emergency Team. Natural Disasters, Constitutional Crisis and dividing California into five separate states have all been previously addressed by the California Emergency Team. Participants in the California Emergency Team program may use court injunctions, emergency legislation and other legal remedies to solve the problem with which they are presented.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

The Department of Finance (DOF) members are separated into groups of 50 and will be competing against the other group to write a solvent California budget. Delegates will have the opportunity to speak in front of small and medium sized groups. The Department of Finance consists of approximately 100 participants and is part of the Legislative Track.

Department of Finance Appointed Leadership: Budget Committee Chair, Deputy Director, and DOF Chief of Staff

Department of Finance Elected Leadership: Director

FORUM

All 9th graders are assigned to the Forum program. The Forum program is affectionately referred to as a "model within a model". This is because the members of the Forum can participate in the forum Legislature, Court, and Lobbyist programs to name a few. All members of the Forum are initially split into committees and assigned a topic (anything from social media responsibility to gay marriage to prison reform). Committees are expected to produce one piece of legislation that will be debated in the Forum Legislature. Members of the Forum will have the opportunity to speak in front of small, medium, and large groups. The size of the program depends on how many 9th graders we have in a given year. You can expect approximately 400 participants. The Forum is part of the Unique Track.

Forum Appointed Leadership: Committee Chair

Forum Elected Leadership: Forum Chief Clerk of the Assembly, Forum Lt. Governor, Forum Secretary of the Senate, Forum Sgt-at-Arms (both Houses), and Forum Speaker of the Assembly

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

The International Affairs Commission (IAC) started last year, and had a little over 80 participants. You can expect approximately 115 participants this year, and is part of the Reform Track.

International Affairs Commission Appointed Leadership: IAC Committee Chair

International Affairs Commission Elected Leadership: Chief Rapporteur

JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Judicial Review is one of our advanced court programs. Participants work as either justices or attorneys on a case that deals with Constitutional issues. Participants are taken to a law library, where they learn how to do legal research and craft arguments. The Judicial Review program has approximately 60 participants, and is part of the Court Track.

Judicial Review Appointed Leadership: Presiding Justice

JURY TRIAL

The Jury Trial is application only, and is an advanced version of the Bench Trial program. Applicants are interviewed at T&E II and will be selected to act as prosecutors, defense attorneys, or judges. Participants receive advanced court training and are expected to arrive a day early to the MLC conference in February, for additional training. Participants are expected to work hard and will be speaking in front of small groups. Jury Trial has 15 participants, all of whom are appointed. The Jury Trial is part of the Court Track.

Jury Trial Elected Leadership: District Attorney

LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

Legislative Analysts are paired up and assigned two pieces of legislation. The Legislative Analysts serve as impartial experts on the fiscal/policy impacts of their assigned legislation. Other than the participants in the Assembly/Senate, they are the only program that gets to speak in Legislative Committees and on the Floors. Participants speak in front of small and large groups. The Legislative Analyst program consists of approximately 60 participants and is part of the Legislative Track.

Legislative Analyst Elected Leadership: State Legislative Analyst

LOBBYIST

At the start of T&E II, Lobbyists are separated into Political Action Committees (PACs) and assigned pieces of legislation. It's the Lobbyist's job to make sure bills pass, or fail, in their Legislative Committees. After all the Committees have finished and the Legislators are in session, the PACs meet and write Initiatives. Once their Initiatives are written, they need to get enough delegate signatures to get them on the ballot. Lobbyists work in groups and speak in front of small groups. The Lobbyist program consists of approximately 200 participants and is part of the Legislative Track.

Lobbyist Appointed Leadership: Governor's Lobbyist, Lead Lobbyist

NATIONAL ISSUES COMMISSION

In the National Issues Commission (NIC), participants write proposals that are of national or international importance, and then debate them. Proposals must pass through three different rounds of debate, each time in front of a larger group of NIC participants. The proposals that make it through all three rounds are then debated in front of the entire NIC program. NIC participants start off speaking in front of small groups and, if they are successful, can end up speaking in front of medium and large groups. The National Issues Commission program consists of approximately 250 participants and is part of the Reform Track.

National Issues Commission Appointed Leadership: NIC Commission Chair

National Issues Commission Elected Leadership: Administrative Clerk, Adversary General, and Presiding Commissioner (4)

PAGE PROGRAM

More information coming soon!

POLITICAL PARTIES

The Political Parties program gives participants a chance to run a political campaign and help get candidates elected. Each of the four parties is headed up by a Party Chair, who will help shape the party's platform, select party leadership, and coordinate the party's efforts to recruit both officer candidates and party membership. The Political Parties program consists of approximately 100 participants and is part of the Unique Track.

Political Parties Appointed Leadership: Party Chair

POLLING

The Polling program is designed to teach its participants not only the value of polling, but how to do it correctly. Polls taken by the Polling program are used by the our Press Corps program, Broadcast Media program, Political Parties program, Lobbyist program, and the Youth Governor's office. The Polling program consists of approximately 60 participants and is part of the Unique Track.

Polling Elected Leadership: Chief Polling Officer

PRESS CORPS

The Press Corps program writes, edits, and does the layouts for our daily newspaper, Sunday magazine, and blog. The Press Corps program consists of approximately 100 participants and is part of the Unique Track.

Press Corps Appointed Leadership: Art Director, Business Manager, Editor-in-Chief, Entertainment Editor, Features Editor, News Editor, Opinion Editor, Photo Editor, Publisher Photographer, and Sunday Magazine Editor

SENATE

Along with the members of the Assembly, the members of the Senate are primarily concerned with the passage of Legislation. All members of the Senate (and Assembly) are also voting members of our Legislative Committees. During conference, Senators will debate bills in Committee and debate bills on the Floor of the Senate. Senators speak during their Committee and have the opportunity to speak in front of the entire Senate. The Senate program is comprised of a Blue group and a Gold group. Both consisting of approximately 150 participants, and is part of the Legislative Track.

Senate Appointed Leadership Positions: Committee Chair

Senate Elected Leadership Positions: Lt. Governor, President Pro-Tem, Secretary of the Senate (2), and Sgt-at-Arms (2)

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Working within the frame of the U.S. Constitution, delegates work together to draft a new California Constitution. Delegates will speak one-on-one, in small groups, and large groups. The Constitutional Convention (Con Con) consists of approximately 200 participants, and is part of the Reform Track.

Constitutional Convention Appointed Leadership Positions: Director
Constitutional Convention Elected Leadership Positions: Presiding Speaker, Speaker Pro-Tem

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court is application only, and is an advanced version of the Appellate Court program. Applicants are interviewed at T&E II and will be selected to act as attorneys, or justices. Participants receive advanced court training and are expected to arrive a day early to the MLC conference in February, for additional training. Participants are expected to work hard and will be speaking in front of small groups. The Supreme Court consists of 13 participants and is part of the Court Track.

Supreme Court Elected Leadership: Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Attorney General