



## **Mock Trial Award Audition Process**

This document outlines the audition process for receiving a scholarship from Cornell College. The tryout will consist of delivering both a prepared speech and an extemporaneous speech, and will be followed by a discussion about how mock trial at Cornell works. The audition will take 30 minutes in total. If you have questions about the process, please email [mocktrial@cornellcollege.edu](mailto:mocktrial@cornellcollege.edu).

### **Prepared Speech (5-7 minutes)**

The first part of your audition will be a prepared speech. This speech should be 5 minutes long at minimum and no longer than 7 minutes. The speech can be on any topic you want (so long as it is appropriate for a school environment). The only requirement is that the speech should be persuasive in nature; you should be trying to convince your audience of something. You will be judged on your public speaking skills and ability to craft an argument.

### **Extemporaneous Speech (2-3 minutes)**

The second part of the process is an extemporaneous speech. You will be given a topic that you have not prepared for. You will have one minute to prepare before delivering a 2 minute speech on the topic. You will be judged on your public speaking skills and ability to think on your feet.

### **Mock Trial at Cornell (20 minutes)**

The final part of the process is a discussion of what it looks like to be on the mock trial team at Cornell College. You will receive an overview of the schedule, time commitments, responsibilities, and numerous opportunities that being a team member affords. This is also an opportunity to ask any questions you might have about the team or the school.