**Mock Trial Procedure**

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Statements: Prosecution/Plaintiff then Defense
3. Prosecution/Plaintiff’s witnesses
   1. Direct Examination (Prosecution/Plaintiff)
   2. Cross Examination (Defense)
   3. Redirect (Prosecution/Plaintiff)
4. Prosecution/Plaintiff Rests their case
5. Defense Calls witnesses
   1. Direct Examination (Defense)
   2. Cross Examination (Prosecution/Plaintiff)
   3. Redirect (Defense)
6. Defense Rests their case
7. Closing Arguments
8. Jury Deliberation
9. Verdict
10. Sentencing
11. Appeals

**Witnesses**

* **Eye Witness:** Gives testimony on what they directly saw, heard, or experienced that could substantially influence the finding of guilt or innocence of the accused. Examination of these witnesses should focus on their evidence and their credibility as a witness.
* **Expert Witness:** Provides testimony on matters of a technical nature not often understood or known by the general population. Often, these witnesses are used to help make sense of the value and nature of evidence gathered, emotional or psychological status of a key character in the case, or other relevant technical information.
* **Character Witness:** Provides first-hand testimony on the character of another important character in the case; often another witness or the defendant him/herself.