



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10007

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Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to Brooklyn, New York for the Fifth Annual Empire City Invitational, hosted by the Empire Mock Trial Association.

Every day at City Hall, I rely on the counsel of some of New York's best lawyers. Their knowledge, judgment, and critical thinking skills make our legal team a valuable asset to any project in which they are involved. That is why I am proud to applaud all the students participating in the terrific Empire City Invitational. Giving students of all backgrounds a high-quality education remains our Administration's top priority, and whether they choose a career in law, medicine, business, or government, this weekend's mock trial competitors are gaining the skills and experience they need to succeed both inside their classrooms and beyond.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I am also delighted to welcome all our visitors to our great City. I hope you have a chance—in between trials, of course, or perhaps afterwards—to experience firsthand the energy and excitement that have made New York such a popular destination for travelers from across the globe. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable visit, an exciting tournament, and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor