



Elementary Law

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ELEMENTARY LAW TEACHERS AND MENTORS

The Elementary Law Program has provided interesting and educational experiences for over three thousand Monterey County fifth grade students.

Unfortunately, a couple of past classes were rowdy (students excessively noisy or running in the courthouse, etc.). A student in one class typed on the court reporter's stenotype machine; a student in another class set off a silent alarm causing an immediate security response team to activate. We risk having the program being terminated in the future if we cannot ensure that our behavior is above reproach. Court staff will keep close watch on the conduct of our students. *The continued viability of the Elementary Law Program depends on your ability to control the conduct of your students while they are in the courthouse.*

Please make certain that your students follow these rules:

- No shouting or other loud noises
- No running
- Students may not roam the courtroom, but must remain in their assigned places during the trial play
- No items in the courtroom may be rearranged or touched (the Mentor may move items out of the way, if necessary, then return them to their proper positions after the conclusion of the trial play)
- Classes may not be taken into the hallway behind the courtrooms

At least two adult chaperones must accompany your class on the courthouse trip. If the Elementary Law Teacher is ill on the day of the courthouse trip, the trip must be rescheduled. **A substitute teacher may not take the class to the courthouse.**

If a student fails to comply with these rules, you must immediately remove the student from the trial play. If your class gets out of control, you must terminate the play and immediately transport your students back to their classroom.

The Monterey County Bar Association and Monterey College of Law realize that there is no need for the vast majority of Elementary Law classes to be reminded of these rules, since you have followed them each year. By sending you this notice, we certainly do not intend to imply that your class's conduct has been other than exemplary. This reminder was made necessary due to the unfortunate actions of a couple of previous classes.

We hope that you and your students have an informative and enjoyable experience with Elementary Law this year.

Sincerely,

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