**The Order of Events in a Mock Trial Handout**

1. The court is called to order.
2. The attorneys present physical evidence for inspection.
3. The judge states the charges against the defendant.
4. The prosecution delivers its opening statement.
5. The defense may choose to deliver its opening statement at this point or wait to open after the prosecution has delivered its case.
6. The prosecution calls its witnesses and conducts a direct examination.
7. After each prosecution witness is called up and has been examined by the prosecution, the defense may cross-examine the witness.
8. The defense may deliver its opening statement.
9. The defense calls its witnesses and conducts a direct examination.
10. After each defense witness is called up and has been examined by the defense, the prosecution may cross-examine the witness.
11. The prosecution gives its closing statement.
12. The defense gives its closing statement.
13. The jury deliberates and reaches a verdict.
14. The defendant is sentenced or released.