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Tournament Director

To: Participants and Coaches

From: Rob Galloway

Date: February 17, 2020

Re: **Bulletin 2**

(Problem Released; Request for Substantive Clarifications; Gender of Witnesses; Trial Brief Topic; Hotel Reservations; Entry Fee Information Tomorrow; Team Photos; Additions to Contact List)

The tournament problem has been released.

One of the things you will notice about the problem is that two depositions have not been included. For those of you who have always wished to add a fact to make a problem more balanced, here is your chance. One witness (Sebastien Raine) will be added for the plaintiff. One witness (Ray Buttani) will be added for the defense. Each may testify by deposition. I will take suggestions for what these additional witnesses should be as well as the specifics of their testimony. Also, I will entertain suggestions for any other substantive modifications to make the problem more balanced. You have to try both sides of the problem so you have an interest in having an even playing field. Just send me an email by the deadline for clarifications. I don't promise I will include every suggestion but I will consider all submissions.

While teams are given significant latitude in choosing which witnesses to call live, the problem requires certain to be played as males and certain to be played as females. Twyla Sands and Moira Rose must be played as females. Johnny Rose and Ted Mullens must be played as males. The other witnesses (Shannon Gibbs, Stevie Budd, Pat Brewer, and Ronnie Lee) may be played as males or females.

This year's trial brief topic is a response to a motion to dismiss. For purposes of the trial brief only, teams are to assume that Moira and Johnny Rose have not settled and have filed a motion to dismiss based on the fact that they have a constitutional right to choose not to vaccinate their child and that state law allows a personal-belief exemption. In essence, they argue that they cannot be liable in tort if state law permits them to opt out of the mandatory vaccination requirements. You represent the Plaintiffs and must file a response to the motion to dismiss. Remarkably, South Texas has adopted the same rules as the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. (e.g., cite as So. Tex. R. Civ. P. 12(b)). Look to the Local Rules for the specific requirements of the trial brief.

If you haven' already done so, please make your hotel reservations. Instructions are attached.

My new assistant, Bryan Covington, will send out information regarding the payment of the entry fee tomorrow.

Don't forget the team photos are due February 28th.

If you have anyone you wish to add to the contact list, please send an email with that information to mocktrialchallenge@stcl.edu.

Let me know if you have any questions or need anything.



Hotel Accommodations

Four Seasons Hotel Houston
1300 Lamar Street
Houston, Texas 77010

(713) 650-1300

www.fourseasons.com/houston

Corporate/Promo Code: CI0320MT

Please book by February 15th

Team Photos

We are preparing a tournament program, and we plan to include a photograph of each team.

Teams need to send a digital team photograph (horizontal) to us by Friday, February 21st.

Tips for taking the digital photo:

- Use the highest resolution possible.
- Don't take the picture in front of your law school sign or anything else that could readily identify your team or where you live.
- The photo can be of just the team members or of the team and coaches. It is up to you.

We will post the photos identifying you by team letter, not your school name.

Please send the digital image to mocktrialchallenge@stcl.edu.



Tentative Schedule

<i>Sunday, January 26</i>	Rules distributed
<i>Monday, February 17</i>	Problem distributed
<i>Friday, February 28</i>	Deadline to submit team roster and team photo Deadline to request clarifications to problem or rules
<i>Monday, March 2</i>	Trial briefs due
<i>Friday, March 20</i>	You will receive an email with contact information for your extra fact witness
<i>Wednesday, March 25</i>	
Noon to 6:00 p.m.	Team Check-in at the Four Seasons Hotel
<i>Thursday, March 26</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Preliminary Round I
Noon - 1:45 p.m.	Lunch break
2:15 p.m.	Preliminary Round II
After 6:30 p.m.	Posting of Round III Pairings
<i>Friday, March 27</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Preliminary Round III
Noon - 1:45 p.m.	Lunch break
1:30 p.m.	Announcement of Round IV Pairings
2:15 p.m.	Round IV
After 6:30 p.m.	Posting of Quarterfinal Round Pairings
<i>Saturday, March 28</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Quarterfinal Round
Noon - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch served at Courthouse
1:00 p.m.	Announcement of Semifinalists
2:00 p.m.	Semifinal Round
6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	BBQ, Boots, and Blue Jeans Party
7:00 p.m.	Award Presentation and Announcement of Championship Round Pairing
<i>Sunday, March 29</i>	
10:00 a.m.	Championship Round
1:30 p.m.	Awards Presentation