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To: Participants and Coaches

From: Rob Galloway

Date: February 25, 2021

Re: **Bulletin 3**
(Clarifications to the Rules and Problem)

I have revised the problem and will post it to the website tomorrow. The new version incorporates the changes addressing the clarification requests. The affected pages are attached with the revisions marked in green.

The judges will receive the revised problem.

Most of the clarifications are reflected in the revised pages. But in addition to those corrections, we have the following responses to clarification requests:

- The South Texas witnesses may play any role you wish. If you would like for your South Texas witness to be particular gender, please send an email with this information to mocktrialchallenge@stcl.edu by Monday, March 8th.
- No line citations will be provided.

- Teams are permitted to read portions of the unavailable witness depositions to the jury/judges. *See* Local Rule 5.003.
- The testifying witnesses have reviewed the depositions of the other witnesses.
- Team members and witnesses may switch roles during the trials. Each team chooses how to present its case. In each round, a team must provide two attorneys and one witness. In addition, one South Texas student will play the second witness role.
- A team's fourth member (not serving as an attorney or witness in a particular round) may confer with team members during breaks in the trial.
- The extent to which a team may inquire into the scope of a witness's expertise are reflected in the pretrial conference report, the depositions, and the model rules.

We have declined to answer the following clarification requests:

- Is the pre-trial conference report admissible?
- How do we introduce the deposition testimony into evidence?
- What may we argue in pretrial?
- When did each child develop symptoms?

We will not hold a formal coaches or team meeting before the competition begins. If you have questions, find me and I'll answer them for you.

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I will send you an e-mail with the name and contact information for your assigned South Texas witness by no longer than Friday, March 19th. Once you receive the e-mail, there are no limitations on what you may do to prepare for trial with your assigned witness. It is entirely up to you.

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