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Tournament Director

To: Participants and Coaches

From: Rob Galloway

Date: January 20, 2021

Re: **Bulletin 1**

(Problem and Rules Released; Request for Substantive Clarifications; Gender of Witnesses; Trial Brief Topic; Supplemental Rules for Virtual Competition Coming Later; Tournament Schedule; Additions to Contact List)

The tournament problem and rules been released.

I will entertain suggestions for 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.

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This year's trial brief topic relates to an evidentiary issue. This events in this case occurred before the pandemic. Members of the jury have necessarily learned a great deal about the transmission of disease during the pandemic—knowledge they most likely did not have when the events took place. The trial court has asked for guidance on what role, if any, should knowledge gained after the events play in assessing the reasonableness of the litigant's conduct. Look to the Local Rules for the specific requirements of the trial brief.

I will send you supplemental rules for the virtual competition as we get closer to the tournament.

The tournament schedule is attached.

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.



Tournament Schedule

<i>Wednesday, January 20</i>	Rules distributed
<i>Wednesday, January 20</i>	Problem distributed
<i>Monday, February 8</i>	Deadline to request clarifications to problem or rules
<i>Monday, February 15</i>	Trial briefs due
<i>Friday, Monday 1</i>	Deadline to submit team roster and team photo
<i>Friday, March 19</i>	You will receive an email with contact information for your extra fact witness
<i>Thursday, March 25</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Preliminary Round I
Noon - 1:45 p.m.	Lunch break
2:15 p.m.	Preliminary Round II
<i>Friday, March 26</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
<i>Saturday, March 27</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
<i>Sunday, March 28</i>	
1:00 p.m.	Championship Round
4:30 p.m.	Awards Presentation