

MEMORANDUM

TO: 2009/2010 NTC Regional Participants
FROM: Bree Trevino, NTC Coordinator
RE: NTC Regional Problem Questions & Revised Problem
DATE: January 21, 2010

The National Trial Competition's Rules Committee has carefully reviewed the questions submitted by participating schools regarding the Regional Problem. The Rules Committee has revised the problem. The Revised 2009/2010 NTC Regional Problem is now available at http://www.tyla.org/advocacy_ntc.html.

Please note the following changes in the Revised 2009/2010 NTC Regional Problem:

- The Statement of the Case has been modified.
- Stipulation #16 has been added to the Procedural Matters section of the *Stipulations as to Evidentiary Matters* part of the problem.
- Stipulation #6 has been added to the Substantive Matters section of the *Stipulations as to Evidentiary Matters* part of the problem.
- Stipulation #7 has been added to the Substantive Matters section of the *Stipulations as to Evidentiary Matters* part of the problem.
- Exhibit 7 has been revised.
- Exhibit 12 has been revised.

The Rules Committee recognizes that it did not answer many of the questions asked or provide clarification on many of the issues raised. The purpose of this competition, however, is to provide a forum to showcase trial advocacy, while maintaining an appropriate balance in a problem that can be tried in a short period of time. The Rules Committee thoroughly reviewed all the questions submitted, and if your question was not answered, it was not an oversight. If your particular question was not answered, then the Rules Committee, in consultation with the problem's drafter: (1) considered the question to be a point of advocacy; (2) decided that the answer to the question could be found in the NTC's Rules or in the problem itself; or, (3) concluded that the question is addressed by the applicable rules of evidence or procedure.

Best of Luck to Each of You,



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