

Subject: 2018 NTC National Problem Clarifications
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Dear NTC National Participants,

The National Trial Competition Committee has carefully reviewed the questions submitted by participating schools regarding the National Problem. The committee has made some minor revisions to the problem to address some of the issues raised. Please allow this email to serve as a revision and/or stipulation to the 2018 NTC National Problem:

- 1. Substantive Stipulations - Section 19.531 Comparative Fault in Civil Actions.** The second sentence of Section 19.531 is revised to read ***“The jury shall not be informed of the fact of settlement, or the amount of settlement, for the purpose of proving or disproving the validity or amount of a disputed claim.”***
- 2. Jury Instructions - Lonestar Civil Code Section 19.536(3)** is revised to omit the last sentence ***“An intoxicated person who is injured does not have an action against the person who served or otherwise provided him or her alcohol.”***
- 3. Plaintiff’s Complaint**
 - a. Paragraph 1** is revised as follows: ***“She brings this action on behalf of the Estate, herself, and her two minor children, Esther Abby Green and Matthew Green.”***
 - b. Paragraph 2 – The date is September 24, 2016, not 2017.**

The NTC 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 NTC 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 NTC 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.

*Sincerely,
Timothy Williams
NTC Problem Committee Chair*