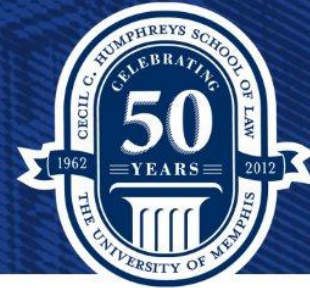


# 37th National Trial Regional Competition

## REGION FIVE, FEBRUARY 17-19, 2012



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### WITNESS INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES

Thank you for participating in the 37<sup>th</sup> National Trial Regional Competition. Below you will find important rules and instructions. If you have any questions, please contact mootcourt@memphis.edu.

#### I. Witness Instructions

Each witness has been designated a specific witness assignment. The witness assignments can be found in the attached document. Although you have been given a witness assignment, please be familiar with the entire problem in case you are asked to play a different witness on the day of your scheduled round. Please see the attached document for all depositions or you can find the witness depositions at: <http://www.memphis.edu/law/currentstudents/mootcourt/region5.php>.

Please arrive to the competition **30 minutes** before your scheduled round. Upon arrival, you will be directed to the Witnesses' Hospitality Room. Free parking on Friday and Saturday at the Shelby County Courthouse (140 Adams Avenue, Memphis, TN 38103) is limited, but available in the parking garage on the corner of N. 2nd Street and Washington Street. Parking on Sunday at the Law School (1 N. Front Street) is available on Court Street.

#### II. Rules for Witnesses

Teams will be given 15 minutes to confer with its witness before the commencement of trial. A team may prepare written questions and answers to give to a witness during the preparation period; however, all materials must be collected from the witness by the end of the 15 minute period. Team members may not confer with witnesses at any other time for the purposes of preparing testimony.

Witnesses may only use the facts contained in the problem and reasonable inferences drawn therefrom as to non-material background facts. Competitors are prohibited from suggesting or encouraging testimony about material facts outside the record. If a witness testifies to a fact not contained in the materials, the witness, if questioned, must admit that the fact was suggested by counsel if that was the case.

Witnesses may take any materials provided in the problem to the stand; however, the materials **cannot contain any writing**. Highlights and underlines are permitted.

Scouting is prohibited. Witnesses may NOT confer with any team members regarding any trial unless preparing testimony during the 15 minutes preparation period. Additionally, witnesses should refrain from wearing clothing that may reflect a school affiliation.