

Mock Trial group Milestones

1. By June 15th: Communication and Preparation. Teams are to report the following:
 - a. How many times they have communicated with each other (online, phone, in person)
 - b. Teams will have read all materials and answer the questions provided.
 - c. Teams are also to have created a rough draft of their theme and theory (it's okay if this changes as you continue to prepare your case)
2. By June 23rd: details, Details, DETAILS! Teams are to submit the following information to us:
 - a. List of the good and bad facts of your case
 - b. Outline of the first draft of your Opening Statement
 - c. The first draft of your Opening Statement
 - d. Updated theory/theme
 - i. If it hasn't updated, let us know
 - e. Order of witnesses.
 - i. Your reasoning as to why they are in that order. How do they help you tell your story?
 - f. Who is doing what role? If your team is large, not everyone will get to be an attorney. Who will be the witness, etc . . .
 - g. What do you need to make this easier?
 - h. How many times have you communicated with your group since last time?
3. By June 30th: The Proof is in the Pudding. Teams will need to give us the following information:
 - a. Outline of the 3 topics you will cover with each witness
 - b. Draft of the questions you will ask of ALL your witnesses
 - c. List 3 major pointes for each witness you will cross examine
 - d. Draft of cross examination questions
 - e. Updated your theme/theory, if needed
 - f. What have you done to help other members of your team? Be honest and tell us, specifically what you have done to help.
 - g. Don't blow yourself up on July 4th
4. By July 14th: In It To Win It. Teams need to complete the following information:
 - a. One page, final outline of your Opening Statement
 - b. List of exhibits you will introduce, along with the witnesses through which they will be introduced
 - c. Draft of your Closing Statement
 - d. Have your exhibit walk NAILED! Practice, practice, PRACTICE! You need to be able to do this with NO NOTES!
 - e. Revised questions for witness
 - f. Tell us how many time each of your contributions take (individually and as a team)
 - g. When you do a run through for the whole trial, are you within the time requirements? If not, fix it. Talking super fast doesn't count.
5. July 22nd: Spit and Polish. Teams need to being their 3 day push to refine/polish their Opening, Cross and Closing.