

General Packet Questions – to both Mock and Appellate

(Hint: The answers to these questions are in the 8 page Informational Packet given out at training.)

1. According to Judge Cardozo, “[t]he picture cannot be painted if the _____ and the _____ are given _____ prominence. One must know how to select.”
2. What are the 8 qualities of a great trial lawyer? (Super hint: 1) Develop..., 2) Tell a..., 3) See your..., 4) Be..., 5) Adopt..., 6) Never comp..., 7) Passionately..., 8) Show...)
3. Is it important to have a powerful beginning to your case?
4. Type out the Muhammad Ali quote in the packet (For reals -- it’s an important piece of advice! Especially given our limited time together training...).
5. Is it a good practice to be in denial about the weaknesses of your case?

Mock Trial Questions:

1. Opening is your opportunity to what?
2. What is your most basic goal of opening?
3. Like a speech, an opening should be: (3 qualities)
4. Is it best practice to use rhetorical questions in your opening (at this stage of your career)?
5. What is the outline for FDR’s “Day of Infamy” speech? Let me know if you want a copy of the text put on FB – it’s a fantastic speech.
6. What are the 10 steps to preparing a persuasive opening?
7. A) To determine your theory, what question must you successfully answer?
B) Do you understand the answer to 7A? If not, I need to know so be honest.
8. A) Why is the theme of your case important? B) Is there an easy tool to get you started on a theme? If so, what is it?
9. What are the 6 “Don’ts” of opening?
10. What are the 3 “Us” of conducting an effective direct examination?
11. List some technical qualities of proper direct examination questions.
12. Is the order of the witnesses you present, and the questions you ask each of those witnesses, important?
13. Who is responsible for commanding and controlling the witness once on the stand?
14. What are the 3 “Cs” of cross examination?
15. “Every witness can be crossed on one of the following...” Please list all and include the acronym at the beginning of your answer.
16. At what point in the trial do you have an opportunity to make inferences from the evidence?
17. What are the steps to a successful closing? (There only 6 listed so don’t freak out – the other 2 were unnecessarily advanced for your purposes.)
18. Evidence is split into which two categories?
19. All evidence must be...(Hint: it’s underlined.)
20. What are the 6 steps for admission of an exhibit?
21. In what month and year did Chavez return to Rye?

22. At what high school do the events take place?
23. What are the 3 counts in the indictment?
24. Is the defendant denying the charges, or making an affirmative defense (i.e. "yeah, that happened but I justified because...")?