

QUESTION 10 THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION SHOULD GO IN BLUEBOOK IV

Patrick Potter and Dorothy Devine became engaged in June 2008, after living together in Dorothy's home for several years. However, after Patrick's tenth high school reunion in September, he began having an affair with his married high school sweetheart, who became pregnant with his child. After Dorothy learned of the betrayal in January, she ended the engagement, the couple broke up, and Patrick moved out of Dorothy's home.

Patrick wants several items of property currently in Dorothy's possession. First, Patrick seeks Hammer, an English white retriever puppy that Dorothy presented to Patrick at his surprise birthday party in October. Second, Patrick seeks a pair of antique diamond cufflinks that belonged to Dorothy's father. Dorothy showed Patrick a picture of her father wearing the cufflinks in a family album and said that the cufflinks were Patrick's, although they have remained in Dorothy's safe since her father's death several years ago. Third, Patrick wants returned to him the three-carat engagement ring that he gave Dorothy.

You are an attorney at the law firm of Cook, Adkins and Tykoski. Patrick, your client, is contemplating bringing a lawsuit against Dorothy to compel the return of the items. Utilizing Michigan law, assess Patrick's likelihood of success on the merits. Explain your answer.

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