

QUESTION 14 THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION SHOULD GO IN BLUEBOOK V

In early March 2009, Chris Cook hunted for deer without a hunting license on a 100-acre parcel of undeveloped property he owned in Kraft County, Michigan. After he shot and killed a doe, Cook noticed something beneath a tree with branches covering it arranged in a crisscross pattern. When Cook moved the branches, he found a small suitcase covered in spider webs.

After Cook returned home with the deer and the suitcase, he pried open the suitcase and discovered that the suitcase contained \$125,000 in cash as well as a key to a safe deposit box from a local bank. The suitcase contained an inventory of the contents of the safe deposit box, indicating that the safe deposit box held a 4 carat diamond ring as well as several loose gemstones. The inventory was signed by "A.S.T." and was dated 2/27/2001.

You are the lawyer Chris Cook has consulted for legal advice. Utilizing Michigan law, discuss whether Chris Cook may claim an ownership interest in the deer, the cash, and the contents of the safe deposit box. Explain your answer.

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