



2017-2018 California Mock Trial Summary of Teacher/Attorney Coach Questions

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1 - Exhibit Clarifications

- The (updated) exhibits should be printed from the links online (either in color or in black & white).
- The exhibits can only be printed on regular 8.5 x 11 inches paper – no stock card.
- The exhibits cannot be mounted onto anything – no foam board, poster paper, etc.
- The exhibits cannot be laminated.
- The exhibits cannot be in protective cover sheets. (Students can keep them in protective coversheets between uses only.)
- The exhibits cannot be displayed to the audience/spectators.
- The exhibits cannot be projected electronically.
- The new procedure for the exhibits is listed on the rulebook. *Briefly*, the attorney would hand the exhibit to the witness and then proceed with direct examination, cross-examination, and re-direct as needed. The judge will have their own copy.
- Exhibits can be introduced in sets. For example, an attorney can group the clothing exhibits together C, D, and E or the branch and walking stick exhibits F & G.

2 - Exhibit Procedure Corrections (modifications are in red)

- Rulebook Page 7, Rule 3.2: #5. Witness answers with identification only (e.g. **laying a foundation**).
- Rulebook Page 7, Rule 3.2: #6. Offer the exhibit into evidence **or before you finish presenting your case**. “Your Honor, we offer Exhibit ___ into evidence at this time.
- Rulebook Page 12, Rule 3.8: G. The time will not be stopped **if witnesses are asked to approach the diagram or** for **other** physical demonstrations. Time will not be rounded off.
- Case Packet Page 61 under Moving the Item into Evidence:
Exhibits must be introduced into evidence if attorneys wish the court to consider the items themselves as evidence, not just the testimony about the exhibits. Attorneys must ask to move the item into evidence **at the end of during** the witness examination or before they finish presenting their case.