



MEMORANDUM

From: AMTA Civil Case Committee
To: Students and Coaches
Re: 2015 National Championship Case Problem
Date: April 14, 2014

As announced on April 13, 2014 at the National Championship Tournament in Orlando, the Civil Case Committee is excited to introduce, for the first time in AMTA history, a new civil case for the 2015 National Championship Tournament (“NCT Case”).

AMTA aims to provide cases that challenge all students and teams. That is why, as competition has improved over time, AMTA cases have become increasingly complex and detailed. We hope a new case released three weekends before the National Championship Tournament will provide a unique challenge to the nation’s top 48 teams.

The NCT Case will be published on the Sunday of the final weekend of the Opening Round Championship series. The NCT Case will be accessible to all schools that purchased case access for the 2015 AMTA season, not merely those qualifying for the National Championship.

We announce this now so schools can plan accordingly. For example, to the extent schools make decisions about their rosters, demonstrative aids, or allocation of bids, they should do so with the knowledge that a new case will be introduced for the National Championship Tournament. The Civil Case Committee, however, is aware of the financial burdens of printing new case materials and creating new demonstrative aids, and will attempt to minimize those burdens through the length of the NCT Case and the nature of its exhibits. Likewise, the NCT Case will be drafted in a manner that reflects the reduced preparation time.

We have also adopted measures to ensure fairness. Given the short amount of time between the case release and the National Championship Tournament, teams coached by those with advance access to the NCT Case might gain an advantage. Accordingly, the full Civil Case Committee will neither author nor have advance access to the NCT Case. Instead, a NCT subcommittee, not composed of any active coaches, will author the NCT Case. The NCT subcommittee is currently composed of Ryan Seelau, Laura Seelau, and Justin Bernstein. If any new members are added, they will not be active coaches.

If you have any questions about procedures for the NCT Case, please email the Civil Case Committee at amta.civilcase@collegemocktrial.org.