

MEMORANDUM

To: The AMTA Community
From: The Criminal Case Committee
Date: February 28, 2016
Re: *State v. ABC* Regionals Case Data

The Criminal Case Committee has collected and analyzed data from the first three weekends of Regional competition. *State v. ABC* is still a balanced case, and teams have continued to prosecute both defendants and call a variety of witnesses.

The data come from information compiled by AMTA representatives during Regional competition. AMTA representatives compiled data from captains' meeting forms at each Regional tournament. This information, coupled with the data the number of ballots won by teams included in the tabulation summary, comprises the data upon which this memorandum is based.

Case Balance

State v. ABC continues to be a relatively balanced case. Despite having to prepare to defend both Bancroft and Covington, defense teams, if anything, were slightly advantaged during regional competition. Across nearly 1,800 ballots, the defense won 71 (4%) more ballots than did the prosecution.

	P Ballots	D Ballots	P Wins (incl. ties)
Overall	46.39%	50.36%	48.01%
R3	45.96%	52.02%	47.98%
R3+R4	47.42%	50.00%	48.71%

Defendants

Both defendants were routinely prosecuted, with Bancroft facing trial in slightly more than one-third (35.9%) of trials.

Witness Calls

All of the witnesses in *State v. ABC* continually to be routinely used by teams. As was the case in the fall invitational season, only one witness (Warren) testifies in less than one-third of trials, and only one witness (Lorean) testifies in more than one-third of trials. Mickey Keenan has become an increasingly popular prosecution call, testifying in 53% of trials at regionals compared to 42% of trials during the fall invitational season. Conversely, Minetos's testimony has become rarer. Whereas Covington's sibling was called to the stand in 48% of fall trials,

Minetos only testified in 35% of regionals trials. Sikorsky testified in 6% more Regionals trials than fall trials. Other witness shifts are smaller: Lorean has become slightly less popular while Warren has become more popular; the usage of the other witnesses has held steady.

	Prosecution	Defense	Overall
Keenan	53.37%		53.37%
Minetos	34.94%		34.94%
Sikorsky	58.09%		58.09%
Warren	30.45%		30.45%
Bancroft		34.49%	34.49%
Covington		61.46%	61.46%
Lorean		68.88%	68.88%
Thomas		60.22%	60.22%
DelSesto	49.89%	5.62%	55.51%
Hoy	26.63%	15.96%	42.58%
Hyde	46.63%	53.37%	100.00%