

MEMORANDUM

To: The AMTA Community
From: The Civil Case Committee
Date: December 3, 2012
Re: Fall case balance and witness call data.

Consistent with past practice, the Civil Case Committee has been compiling two sorts of information throughout the fall. First, to assess case balance, we have been gathering information from tab summaries. Second, to assess whether each of the 10 witnesses is being called with at least modest frequency, we asked invitational hosts to report aggregate call data from their tournaments. The requested information was neither team- nor round-specific, so no team was at risk of having its strategy compromised. We also informed invitational hosts up front that the aggregate data would be shared with the full AMTA community at the conclusion of the fall invitational season.

The Committee Case Committee is pleased to report that *Allen v. Neptune* has shown excellent balance during the Fall invitational season. There is no meaningful advantage for either party. Across more than 3,300 ballots, the defense has demonstrated an advantage of 1.5%. The advantage also has shrunk as teams become more familiar with the case, with defense teams winning just .75% more total ballots than plaintiff teams at the November and December tournaments. The results have also been remarkably stable across tournaments. At no invitational did either party win more than 57% of the ballots. These results compare favorably with past AMTA cases.

Case Balance:

The following percentages are based on 3,326 ballots.

Plaintiff: 47.2%
Defense: 48.7%
Tie: 4.1%

Witness Calls:

The following are based on 446 rounds of data.

Allen: 66%
Connor: 63%
Fernandez: 65%
Johnson: 61%
Tran: 46%

Duncan: 32%
Hathaway: 66%
Montgomery: 75%
Nelson: 29%
Rodgers: 77%