



## 2022 Presiding Judge Script

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**Starting Trial:** [*Please wait - A tournament volunteer will tell you that it is time to start your trial.*] We just received the message to get started. Let's call the case of the State of Midlands v. Dakota Sutcliffe. My name is Judge \_\_\_\_\_.

Can the attorneys please make appearances? Are there any preliminary matters?

### **Before Opening Statements:**

We will now hear opening statements from each party.

### **Before First Witness:**

We will now turn to the Prosecution case-in-chief. Prosecution, please call your first witness.

### **After Prosecution Case-in-chief:**

We will now take a 5-minute break. See you all again shortly.

**After Break:** [*Please ensure that all scoring judges are present.*]

Everyone is back and ready to go. Defense, please call your first witness.

### **After Defense Case-in-chief:**

We will now take a 5-minute break. See you all again shortly.

**Before Closing Arguments:** [*Please ensure that all scoring judges are present.*] We will now hear closing arguments from each party.

### **After Closing Arguments:**

Judges should please complete their ballots and hand them to the timekeepers so that the timekeepers can take them to the tabulation room. Comments may not begin until all judge ballots and comment sheets have been taken out of the room. We'll stay in the room until the timekeepers return and confirm that the ballots have been accepted (but you may begin comments once the ballots leave the room).

### **Comments:**

All of the ballots have been submitted. We will do some brief oral comments now.

### **After Comments:**

Thank you, everyone. We are adjourned.