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Requests for Interpretation

Q1. The Marshall Supreme Court case number seems implausible because it is identical to the case number of the court below; therefore, should we make one up or use this number?

A1. The docket numbers assigned by the two courts are indeed identical. Use the numbers that appear in the record.

Q2. We would like some clarification on how the issues are to be arranged for oral argument. Will the Rules Committee designate what issue(s) Petitioner 1 will argue and what issue(s) Petitioner 2 will argue? If not, will that essentially require all team members to be able to argue all three issues?

A2. It is customary for each team to inform the court of the manner in which it anticipates addressing the issues, although the court has discretion to question oralists as it deems appropriate.

Q3. What are the citations for the Marshall statutes regarding Intrusion upon Seclusion and Defamation?

A3. Intrusion upon seclusion: 735 MRC 15/40.
Defamation: 735 MRC 15/30.

Q4. I have discovered that the Marshall statute is identical to the Illinois Deceptive Practices statute and am wondering if we are to limit our research to the state of Illinois, or is it an open universe, including all federal and all state cases.

A4. The State of Marshall is a fictitious jurisdiction within the United States that was created for the purpose of this moot court competition. Its courts are not bound by the decisions of courts in other jurisdictions on questions of Marshall state law.

Q5. What is the preferred way to cite cases: do you write the full citation after your point in the body of the brief or do you cite them in footnotes? We have found examples of briefs that have used both methods of citation but would like to clarify the preferred method for consistency in our brief.

A5. Citations ordinarily appear in the body of the brief.

Q6. In relation to references to parties in the brief what is the preferred way to refer to the parties: Appellant/Appellee, Petitioner/Respondent or Name of Appellant/Name of Company of Respondent?

A6. This is a matter of personal preference.