

**2021 TENNESSEE STATE HIGH SCHOOL
MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION
CASE MATERIALS**

**CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF POULTRY**

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| BRYSON SAILOR, |) | |
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| Plaintiff, |) | |
| |) | |
| vs. |) | No. CV-43079469-19 |
| |) | JURY DEMANDED |
| DREW JENNINGS, |) | |
| |) | |
| Defendant. |) | |

ORDER SCHEDULING NEW TRIAL

This cause came to be heard for trial on March 12, 2020. After this Court conducted *voir dire* and swore in a properly empaneled jury, but before any witness testified, court staff reported a loud buzzing sound coming from the third floor of the Poultry County Courthouse. This court briefly took a recess and sent the jury to the jury room. Before the source of the noise could be determined, loud shouting was heard from the jury room. After investigation, it was determined that a nest of murder hornets had invaded the courtroom and stung seven jurors, who required immediate medical attention. This Court ordered a mistrial from the bench, intending for a new trial to be declared as soon as possible.

However, pursuant to the Tennessee Supreme Court’s Orders which limited in-person court proceedings on March 13 and March 25, 2020, this Court stayed all proceedings in this matter. At that time, this Court began hearing all matters via video conferencing. Due to the proficiency of this Court and members of the bar in handling a variety of proceedings via video, this Court chose

to work and operate remotely, instead of working from this Court's chambers. Given the increased flexibility and due to inspiration from a recently released documentary, this Court temporarily relocated to Feline County to spend the evenings volunteering at the Cats Are Rescued Or Liberated (CAROL) Sanctuary. Unfortunately, this Court stuck its arm through a cage while attempting to care for a tiger named Birdie. The tiger misinterpreted this Court's caring gesture as an attack and as a result, this Court lost its right arm. This medical issue has further backlogged this Court's docket.

Therefore, this case is set to be rescheduled for trial on the Court's conflict docket to be presided over by a judge to be assigned by the district's senior judge on March 15, 2021. All parties have properly waived all applicable rights and consented to a trial to be conducted via video conference.

ENTER this 17th day of November 2020.

/s/ Alexander Mcveagh
HON. ALEXANDER MCVEAGH
Judge