

Teacher/Attorney Coach Questions

Please make sure to review before the competition.

General Questions

1. Can you clarify Count One?

The charge remains the same – Nova Martz is charged with illegal contest of speed. The California Vehicle Code was updated and slightly reordered in 2011 so that contest of speed is addressed in subsection (a), but the CALCRIM jury instructions have not been updated since 2007, so they still indicate contest of speed as subsection (c). This discrepancy does not affect the fact that Nova Martz was charged with illegal contest of speed, and the fact that subsection (c) appears in the jury instructions is immaterial to this case.

2. Can a pretrial attorney play a trial attorney in the same trial?

No, a pretrial attorney cannot play a trial attorney in the same trial, **see Rule 2.2 - A.**

3. Is it okay to share the case packet with an AI agent in order to quiz herself on its content?

No participant may upload any portion of the case material to any generative AI tool. For avoidance of doubt, this includes uploading the case or any part of the case, such as the fictional logos in the exhibits.

4. Will jury instruction for Count Two be provided?

No, jury instructions for Count Two will not be provided. Refer to the elements outlined in the code to prove the charge.

5. Can our team use Johnson v. U.S. in the pretrial since it's referenced in the Beckles v. U.S. case?

Yes, pretrial attorneys may refer to the Johnson v. U.S. case but only insofar as it is discussed in the Beckles case. In other words, pretrial attorneys are still limited to discuss what's in the "four corners" of the case packet and may not use any other information about Johnson v. U.S.

6. Under Vehicle Code, 23109, subdivision (a) and that violation proximately causes bodily injury to a person other than the driver..." What does a "person other than the driver" mean?

A "person other than the driver" means a person other than the defendant."