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The National Trial Competition Committee, in conjunction with the problem drafter, has carefully reviewed the questions submitted by participating schools regarding the Regional Problem. The committee has made revisions to the problem to address some of the issues raised. Please allow this email to outline the revisions to the 2023 NTC Regional Problem:

1. Page 3: Within the “Complaint” Marvin Jones is the vice president of AMPLE.
2. Page 9: The “Answer” now correctly reflects a denial to allegations in paragraph 7.
3. Page 12 and throughout: We intend for all witnesses to be gender neutral. In order to reinforce this, Leroy Jenkins is now Lee R. Jenkins.
4. Page 15: Stipulations 19 and 20 have been updated and two new stipulations (21 and 22) have been added.
5. Page 28: Jenkins attended Zoll State University.
6. Page 30: The reference to nitrates is to exhibit 15.
7. Page 34: Jenkins went to the ranch in 2021.
8. Page 36: In line 23, Martins acknowledges their qualifications.
9. Page 38: Line 11 now includes reference to a “pole” rather than a “poll.”
10. Page 46: Dr. Ageladakis’s resume is Exhibit 24.

The revised problem will be posted online at <http://www.tyla.org/ntc>. If any coach would like Bree Trevino to send you a PDF of the revised problem, please email her directly.

The NTC Committee recognizes that it did not answer many of the questions asked or provide clarification on many of the issues raised. The purpose of this competition, however, is to provide a forum to showcase trial advocacy, while maintaining an appropriate balance in a problem that can be tried in a short period of time. The NTC Committee thoroughly reviewed all the questions submitted, and if your question was not answered, it was not an oversight. If your particular question was not answered, then the NTC Committee: (1) considered the question to be a point of advocacy; (2) decided that the answer to the question could be found in the NTC’s Rules or in the problem itself; or (3) concluded that the question is addressed by the applicable rules of evidence or procedure.

Sincerely,  
The TYLA NTC Committee