

## IOWA MOCK TRIAL

## JUDGE EZ-REFERENCE GUIDE

### **Official Mock Trial Objections:**

- \* Questions Calling for a Narrative Answer (Rule 104)
- \* Relevance (Rules 401-403)
- \* Character of the Witness (Rules 404/608-609)
- \* Lack of Personal/Professional Knowledge (Rules 602/701-704)
- \* Beyond the Scope (Rule 611)
- \* Leading Questions (Rule 611)
- \* Hearsay (Rules 801-804)

Recognize the following exceptions:

- admission by a party opponent
- prior statement under oath
- present sense impression
- excited utterance
- state of mind
- statements made for the purposes of medical diagnosis
- recorded recollection
- records of regularly conducted activity
- dying declaration
- declaration against interest

- \* Argumentative/Badgering the Witness (Rule 1101)
- \* Asked & Answered (Rule 1102)
- \* Assumes Facts not in Evidence (Rule 1103)
- \* Lack of Foundation (Rule 1104)
- \* Speculation (Rule 1105)
- \* Non-Responsive (Rule 1106)
- \* Unfair Extrapolation (Mock Trial Objection/Rule 1107)

*No Objections may be made during Opening/Closing*

*Each attorney allowed only one opportunity to speak to any objection*

**Unfair Extrapolation:** Should a witness's testimony be objected to as an unfair extrapolation, judges should determine if the alleged extrapolation is important, and, if so, issue one of the following rulings:

- a. no extrapolation has occurred (information was included in materials);
- b. the extrapolation was fair (reasonable inference);
- c. an unfair extrapolation has occurred;
- d. ruling is taken under advisement.

On cross-examination, a witness may answer questions with information that is responsive and not contradictory to the affidavit. On direct examination, a witness may not invent material facts.

**Rules Violations:** Please note the nature of the violation allegation and your determination on the ballot (space provided on page 4), make your ruling in open court to clarify the rule and to let the students know how to proceed.

### **Time Limitations:**

Opening Statements: 4 minutes each side

Direct and Re-direct of all Witnesses: 25 minutes per side

Cross and Re-cross of all Witnesses: 20 minutes per side

Closing Argument: 8 minutes each side

*(Only prosecution/plaintiff has the right of rebuttal, which must be requested and counts toward the 8 minute time limit)*

*Judges may call for a recess at any time if you feel it is necessary to contact the tournament coordinator.*

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