Dear 2019-2020 NTC Regional Participants,

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 some minor revisions to the problem to address some of the issues raised. Please allow this email to outline the revisions and/or stipulations to the 2020 NTC Regional Problem:

1. The date of the fire was February 3, 2017.
2. The mortgage was paid on September 10, 2018.
3. The claim was paid on January 15, 2019.
4. Exhibit 3 should be dated February 19, 2017.
5. The policy period was from May 1, 2016 to May 1, 2017.
6. Exhibit 5 was notarized on March 6, 2017.
7. Exhibit 6 should be dated March 21, 2017.
8. Mr. Rankin died on August 18, 2018. He was 55 years old at the time of his death.
9. Exhibits 4, 6 and the Complaint all relate to the same insurance policy.
10. The date on Exhibit 15 is March 21, 2018, the reference to Wayne has been changed to Stephen, and the loss of business value is from 2012 to 2016.

Attached is a revised problem which makes the corrections indicated above. The revised problem will be posted online early next week.

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,

Tim Williams
NTC Problem Committee Chair