

Name: _____

Miss Crossley

Period: _____

Date: _____

Mock Trial Preparation

My Role Is:

Witness

Defense Lawyer

Prosecution/Plaintiff Lawyer

Witness Name:

Direct examination Perspective:

A. Credibility: What experiences and training does this witness have that proves they are accurate and reliable?

B. What motivations does the witness have to tell the truth?

C. List the top six to eight pieces of information that this witness provides for the direct examination:

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D. What exhibits can be used with this witness for direct examination?

E. What problem can you foresee with this witness and write how you can spin this to look better?

F. Which questions do you think this witness should get asked? Think in terms of the charges that they might prove or disprove.

Cross Examination Perspective:

A. What reasons can you think of that the jury shouldn't believe this witness (e.g. bias against defendant, trying to protect their own reputation)?

What exhibits, if any, can be used against this witness?

B. List the 4 biggest problems you can see with this person's testimony.

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3. Which questions do you think this witness should get asked proving or disproving the charges?

