



High School Mock Trial 2025
Denver Saidi v. Wyatt Latu
Errata Sheet

Please note:

The errata sheet serves to clarify or correct errors in the Mock Trial case and/or rules, and does not address team strategy, coaching, or judging protocol. If a question received does not meet the criteria for errata (e.g., pertains to an evidence question), an email response will be sent to the individual advisor.

Errata 10/29/2024

Special Note: *In order to help teams that may be scrimmaging, we will be issuing a corrected case with all changes incorporated on Nov. 12th and Dec. 10th. To aid individuals using printed cases, we will indicate on which pages changes have occurred.*

In the event that any exhibits are altered (as is the case in this errata), these will be included in the errata.

1. Is there a transcript of Ngoma/Latu's texts that could be an Exhibit?

No. The parties agree that the report of the texts in witness statements is accurate.

2. How much of the harmony population is the elderly vote?

No elaboration needed.

3. In Emery Popovich's witness statement, Emery says they received their BA in 2006. Their resume says they earned the BA in 2012. Which is accurate?

Emery received their BA in 2006. A corrected **Exhibit D** is attached.

4. Theo Ngoma's testimony at lines 9-10 indicates that Alex Leslie was elected to the Buckeye Senate. Ngoma's resume, Exhibit C, indicates that it was a "lacking election result," implying that Alex Leslie lost the election.

A corrected **Exhibit C** is attached.

5. Please clarify the date of the "Fireside Chat" mentioned in Saidi's statement on lines 103-104, as well as the "Senior Center Event" mentioned in Rossi's statement on lines 71-73.

The Fireside chat was part of the Senior Center New Years Day event, which occurred on New Year's Day.

- 6. Can we assume that the election has not occurred yet regardless of whether we are competing at districts, regionals or states?**

Yes, for the purposes of simulation, we will assume that the hearing is happening before the election, regardless of which level of competition.

- 7. Is there a grammatical error on page 104 line 134? It appears that the word "be" should be before "people".**

This is a grammatical mistake. Correction (in red) to page 104, line 134 of the case file: "While everyone I talked to knew it was fake, there have to **be** people..."

- 8. On page 90-91 of the case file, the manager mentions how Wyatt sent him his number, then proceeds to say how he prefers text over email for a digital footprint. However, at the end of the conversation, it says he "hung up the phone." Was this conversation a voice call or was it through text message?**

This is an error. Correction (in red) to page 91, line 162: "- I just wrote the prompt" and **then stopped responding.**"

- 9. Throughout Sloane Rossi's statement there seems to be a conflation of the name Buckeye with Harmony for the name of the city that is the situs of this case. Example: Line 9 the reference is to the "Harmony School Board" but at line 17 it is referred to as the "Buckeye School Board".**

There are errors in this statement regarding the naming of specific institutions. For the purposes of this year's case, the correct references are: Harmony School Board, Harmony City Council. A corrected witness statement complying with these changes will be issued as part of the corrected case on 11/12/24.

- 10. Did Wyatt Latu use a video (or a photo, or something else) to generate their AI video? Saidi's statement indicates that the official video was not posted until AFTER the AI video was posted.**

Wyatt trained the model using screen recorded footage from the livestream that was ongoing. Line 53-56 on page 95 of the case file will now read:

"I got onto my computer and captured the livestream that was ongoing, and thought, why not spruce up the content of this speech while I'm at it? So, I did, a little bit. It's so easy to make AI say anything you want it to—you just type it in the prompt. Sometimes I am so funny I surprise even myself. The only thing I regret about what I wrote is not including a Taylor Swift reference."

Errata 10/15/2024

Special Note: *The email listed in the case file (LemonadeFan3000@gmail.com) on page 90, line 145 is **not affiliated** with the 2025 case and no responses from the email account is permitted to be used in the competition.*

1. What is Denver Saidi's Master's degree in?

This witness statement will be corrected. The sentence that begins on line 3 of Denver Saidi's witness statement will now read (addition in red) "I attended and graduated from Miami University with a B.S. in Education and acquired my Master's in **Educational Leadership** from The Buckeye State University."

2. There is a grammatical error in Theo Ngoma's Witness Statement. There is punctuation missing that would clarify who is speaking.

The error will be corrected. Line 138-139 of Theo Ngoma's witness statement should read (correction in red): "No," said Denver. "I have no idea what this is. I never said any of this stuff. It must be fake."

3. Do we assume that there are no other copies of the TakTik video in question on other platforms? In other words, if the preliminary injunction is granted that there has not been nor will there be any future proliferation of the video elsewhere?

The preliminary injunction is being sought regarding the video posted on TakTik. It has not been posted anywhere else, and for the purposes of this simulation it is assumed it will not be posted anywhere else.

4. Besides the transcripts of the speech and the AI video, is there an actual video that we can view.

As this is a fictional case, and Denver Saidi can be played by any student, there will be no video exhibit. We will not be releasing the deepfake video. Refer to the transcript, exhibit B.

5. Please confirm that the Snow Ball was held on December 20th (and not in January). p 95, line 45: "Snow Ball in January."

Yes, the Snow Ball was held on December 20th. Line 45 of Wyatt Latu's statement should read (correction in red): "The Snow Ball actually rolled around, in **December**,"

6. The Eiler Award nomination form has the wrong date/year for the deadline on page 55.

Correction on page 55 of the case file: Nominations for the Eiler Award must be submitted by July 11, **2025**.

- 7. The information on page 68-69 in Saidi's witness statement is inconsistent regarding Latu's year in school and when Saidi began as Principal. If Latu is a Senior in 2024/2025 they would not have been a freshman during the "prior year" when Saidi started in 2021.**

Correction in red on page 68, line 17: "At the time, Latu was **an eighth grader.**"

- 8. Why does the City Council term start over a year following the election? p.70 line 57.**

There is an error on page 70, line 57 (correction in red): "The next City Council election is in February 2025 for the term to begin on April 1, **2025.**"

- 9. Line 90 on page 102 says "YouTube" instead of "MeTube."**

Correction in red on page 102, line 90 of the case file: "Like every year before, Denver's announcement was going to be filmed and livestreamed on the school district's **MeTube** channel;"

- 10. Page 102 lines 90-91 state "the following Monday, Jan 3" but the Monday following the Snow Ball would be Dec 23.**

Correction in red on page 102, line 91 of the case file: "It was also going to be archived to go on the school's social media pages **following the Holiday break on** January 3, 2025."

- 11. Is there a factual dispute as to when the video was posted? This line says that it was posted the night after the dance (which would be Dec 21st) but all other references indicate that it was posted on Jan 2 (p.103 line 92)**

Sloane Rossi's statement will be corrected on lines 92-94 to read as follows (changes in red): "I was working at Rossi's **about a week after** the dance. I was chatting with a table full of regulars who were cracking up laughing when one of them asked me if I'd seen the video of the announcement Denver made **the night before.**"

Exhibit C
CV of Campaign Manager

Theo Ngoma

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Professional Summary

Detail-oriented Campaign Manager with over 8 years of experience supporting statewide political campaigns. Adept at assisting with strategic planning, coordinating logistics, and managing day-to-day operations. Experienced in interpreting and organizing polling data to support campaign strategy. Strong communication and organizational skills with a passion for driving voter engagement and turnout.

Professional Experience

Deputy Campaign Manager

Evan Arik, Harmony Clerk of Courts (Dennisian)

December 2022 – November 2023

- Campaigned alongside a candidate admirably despite a lacking election result.
- Managed a team of approximately 4 paid part-time positions and dozens of volunteers in a grassroots campaign.
- Assured that voters were informed relating to the importance of the often-overlooked political position.
- Provided administrative support, including drafting communications, managing schedules, and coordinating meetings.
- Supported the analysis of polling data and voter trends to inform outreach strategies.
- Managed volunteer recruitment and training, ensuring effective canvassing efforts.

Volunteer Coordinator

Cheryl Ngoma, Cardinal County Commissioner (Sensiblist)

January 2022 – October 2022

- Successfully campaigned alongside a qualified candidate to obtain a positive election result
- Unpaid position focused on Get Out The Vote campaigns.
- Passed out buttons and yard signs to interested and disinterested voters for the candidate.
- Rallied local organizations, friends, and family in favor of the candidate despite personal affiliations differing from the candidate's.

Campaign Manager

Alex Leslie for Senate Campaign, Buckeye State Senate (Sensiblist)

October 2019 – October 2020

- Campaigned alongside a candidate admirably with a positive election result.
- Assisted in the coordination of campaign events, including scheduling, venue selection, and vendor management.
- Oversaw the entire staff of the campaign, including more than 300 reporting full-time supervisors who managed approximately 10,000 volunteers statewide.
- Organized and maintained databases of voter information, ensuring accuracy.
- Provided administrative support, including drafting communications, managing schedules, and coordinating meetings.
- Conducted analysis of polling data and voter trends to inform outreach strategies.
- Managed volunteer recruitment and training, ensuring effective canvassing efforts.

Deputy Campaign Manager

Pastor Robin Pease for Governor Campaign, Buckeye (Dennisian)

January 2018 – November 2018

- Successfully campaigned alongside a qualified candidate to obtain a positive election result
- Supported the Campaign Manager in daily operations, including scheduling, communications, and event coordination.
- Assisted in organizing and analyzing polling data to inform campaign strategy.
- Oversaw a portion of a campaign including approximately 125 full-time employees, each of which further managed groups of volunteers numbering in thousands statewide.
- Coordinated with field teams to ensure effective voter outreach and engagement .
- Managed a team of volunteers, ensuring clear communication and task delegation.
- Prepared reports on campaign progress and voter sentiment for senior staff.

Field Coordinator

Jordan Guttenburg for Justice of the Supreme Court, Buckeye Supreme Court (Dennisian)

January 2017 – November 2017

- Successfully campaigned alongside a qualified candidate to obtain a positive election result
- Managed a staff of approximately 15 employees and approximately 100 different volunteers in the assigned field operations area.
- Led field operations in multiple counties, ensuring efficient use of resources and personnel.
- Supported the development and execution of voter outreach strategies, including canvassing and phone banking.
- Collaborated with data analysts to interpret polling data for targeted outreach.
- Managed event logistics for rallies, town halls, and fundraising events, ensuring successful execution.
- Monitored campaign metrics, providing regular updates to the campaign manager.

Campaign Manager

Elkyn Lewis for City Council, Harmony City Council (Dennisian)

January 2016 – November 2016

- Successfully campaigned alongside a qualified candidate to deliver victory
- Organized campaign events including external-facing speaking engagements
- Assessed grassroots campaign strategies through local fundraisers at high-profile centers for public access
- Analyzed polling data to ensure proper channels of access to the politician's base including through magazine and newspaper subscriptions.

Education

Master of Elections and Campaign Management

Buckeye State University

Graduated: May 2017

Bachelor of Science in Political Science

Miami University

Graduated: May 2015

Skills

- Campaign Strategy Support
- Polling Data Interpretation
- Voter Outreach & Engagement
- Event Coordination & Logistics
- Team Management & Volunteer Coordination
- Communication & Reporting
- Database Management
- Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

Publications

- *Crossing Party Lines for the Right Reasons*, Op-Ed column, Cardinal County Caller, published April 15, 2022.
- *The One That Got Away*; Harmony Hale, Op-Ed column, published December 2, 2021.
- *Winning is for Winners: Unpacking a High-Profile Political Campaign Strategy*; Harmony Politics Monthly, published January 3, 2018.
- *Student Outcomes in Formative Assessments Developed Under a Time Crunch: Providing Strategies for Developing Curricula to Educators Which do not Exceed a Planning Period*; Journal of American Education, 23d Ed., pp. 118-134 (April 2017).

Affiliations

- Party: Dennisian
- Young Dennisians @Miami University, Member 2011-2013, Secretary 2013-2014, President 2014-2015
- Allies Against Drunk Driving, Message Board Moderator 2019-present
- Non-Partisan Policymakers, Annual Conference Attendee, 2017-present

Exhibit D
CV of Expert Parodist

Emery Popovic

FREELANCE PARODIST & CONSULTANT

Summary

I have always been captivated by the power of humor and satire to comment on broader societal issues and criticize others. This is why I decided to specialize in parodies when I was getting my dual bachelor's degrees at The Buckeye State University and my master's degree at Case Western Reserve University. My expertise includes understanding the technical aspects of AI-generated content, its potential for misuse, and the ethical and legal considerations surrounding its use. I have published hundreds of satirical articles and videos over almost 10 years.

2014 **Case Western Reserve University**
Master of Fine Arts and Creative Writing

2006 **The Buckeye State University**
Dual Bachelor of Arts degrees
Majors: Communications and Media Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Experience

2014-Present **Verdict Visionaries, LLC, Founder and CEO**
A consulting firm that specializes in providing expert consulting to both the State and Defense Departments regarding issues that deal with parodies, deepfakes, and AI. I have testified in various court cases from defamation to intellectual property disputes.

2012-2014 **The Shallot, Founder**
A digital media firm and newspaper entity specializing in publishing humorous articles satirizing international, national, and local news, and parodically manipulating politicians and celebrities through digital means.

2008-2012 **The Buckeye Beacon, Lead Writer**
A premier student-run newspaper, known for its satirical take on campus news and events.