

2023-24 Case and Rules Updates

September 22, 2023

Post trial instructions, page 37-38, added the section “III. Murder – First Degree. (Based upon U.G.S. § 14-17).”

November 3, 2023

Non-substantive changes:

- Under Rule 1.2, took out “but not limited to”
- Under Rule 1.3, changed “All witnesses may be played by students of either gender” to “All witnesses may be played by students regardless of their gender identity.”
- Under Rule 4.8.b, changed “opening and closing statements” to read “opening statements and closing arguments”
- Rule 804(b)(5) and (b)(6) updated to bring them into conformity with Rule 804(a)(5)(A)

Substantive changes:

- Rule 4.7.a - updated to remove out-of-date language about timekeeping devices and to expressly allow timekeepers to use electronic devices for timekeeping
- Rule 4.10.a - cut language in this paragraph about attorneys being able to use notes but not electronic devices
- Rule 4.13 -
 - Rule title is expanded to “Communications and Use of Notes and Electronic Devices During Trial.”
 - Rule is now broken down into subsections about prohibited communications, permitted communications, use of notes, and use of electronic devices.
 - Rule 4.13.d., “Electronic Device Use by Attorneys,” has new language
- Event schedule page, changed "Remember to bring....two stopwatches" to reflect new electronic device rules
- Timekeeper/Bailiff Duties and Script, updated "must have two stopwatches" to reflect allowance of electronic devices