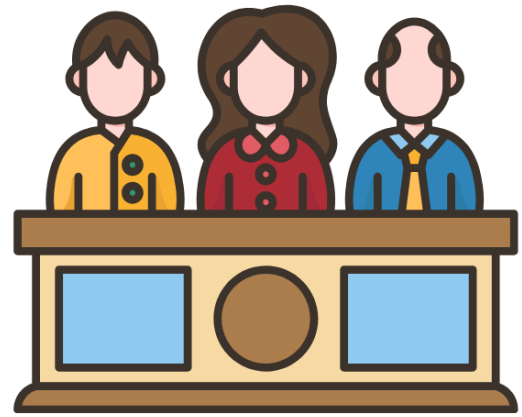


YOU BE THE Judge



PURPOSE:

You are a member of an elite legal team that focuses on equality and justice for everyone. Recently, a defendant in a high profile case has asked that his case be looked at by the Supreme Court to verify if their 6th Amendment right to an attorney (or counsel) has been violated. Your team has been appointed by the justices of the Supreme Court to evaluate this specific case and determine whether or not it violates their rights as written in the Constitution.

EVENTS:

The Constitution is a vital document for all Americans in order to maintain justice and equality. One keystone of these rights is the 6th Amendment that guarantees the right to an attorney to everyone. And, according to your Miranda rights, even if you can't afford to hire an attorney, one will be appointed to you. As a group, you will focus on the case assigned to you. You will need to go through all materials available to you and then ultimately make a decision on whether your defendant had their 6th Amendment rights violated during their initial case.

MATERIALS:

Notes from lecture and class, Case dossier, Poster or Computer (for digital product)

FINAL PRODUCT:

Summary of the Product:

- You will create a poster about the case you have studied.
- Your poster will highlight issues of the original case that caused your defendant to ask for a new trial based on a violation of their 6th Amendment rights.
- Your goal is to advise the justices of the Supreme Court on whether or not your defendant should be allowed a new trial based on the violation of their rights.
- Analyze your case based on the 6th Amendment and the Strickland test.

Product Requirements:

- Name of Court Case on the poster.
- Brief description of issues noted at first trial that triggered a request for a re-trial based on violation of 6th Amendment rights.
- Your teams recommendation for re-trial or not with specific evidence based on the Strickland test
 - If you recommend they deserve a new trial, which prong of the Strickland test allows it?
 - If you do not recommend they deserve a new trial, detail how their initial case was supported by the Strickland test.
- Poster must be informative and factual.
- Poster must be neat and creative.

Remember: You are a member of an elite legal team, tasked with evaluating a case that may or may not have violated an individuals 6th Amendment rights. Be sure to give valid information in a concise manner that can be easy to understand. The information you provide will help the justices of the Supreme Court make a decision on whether your defendant deserves a new trial.



ULTIMATELY YOU WILL NEED TO ANSWER THE CQ: Does the 6th Amendment guarantee the right to a "good" lawyer?

