

**Willamette Valley American Inn of Court Meeting – January 20, 2022**  
**Team Gardiner & Tracey Scripts**

**1. Late Filing/Court Staff + Opposing Counsel Consideration**

- Court Staff (Laurie): Hey judge, it's your JA, just sending an **update**:  
Counsel filed no motions for our trial at half past **8**.
- Judge (Spencer): Thank you for letting me know, it gives us extra **time**;  
We can set a release hearing at 8 for that unrelated **crime**.  
I'll prep for our **trial** by reading the **file** and laws til **dinnertime**;  
Then in the **morning**, counsel take **warning**, we're starting on a **dime**.
- Lawyer 1 (Jen): My motions were **due** at half past **two**, but now it is quite **dark**  
Research is **slow**, a million cases to **know**, the price of being a **shark**  
Click OECI **submit**, prepare a **duplicate**, pay for a **postmark**  
But anxiety **lingers**, my trembling **fingers**, midnight filing feels so **stark**
- Lawyer 2 (Matt): Trial is tomorrow, but my ideas are **today**;  
Going to file a new motion, seeking injunctive **stay**  
Based on brand new caselaw, this will surely **sleigh**;  
Not going to file, the judge wouldn't read it **anyway**  
(And think of the advantage that notice would **betray**)
- Lawyer 1 (Jen): It's super **late**, I'm not feeling **great**, and I think I'll send an **email**  
I'll attach my **motion**, explain my **notion**, and try not end up in **jail**.
- Court Staff (Laurie): Heads up, we've got a problem judge, got a message with motions **late**  
I printed them out, left them on your desk, shall we take them up at **8**?
- Judge (Spencer): I'm feeling a surge in cortisol, but it's better late than **never**;  
I'm going to start reviewing the motions, to see if they are **clever**  
I'll review and shepardize the law as my very next **endeavor**
- Court Staff (Laurie): Ok you two attorneys, the judge is going to hear the case in a **bit**;  
He's reviewing your motions now and your tardiness ain't a **hit**
- Lawyer 2 (Matt): Hey Staff, listen, tell the judge there's one more thing not on the **list**  
They have to hear my oral motion and I don't care if they are **pissed**  
Oh by the way counsel, that's your notice, how you like that **twist**?  
I'm not giving you details so you'll just have to figure out the **gist**.
- Maureen and Kim to lead discussion: Meeting deadlines? How to communicate about late issues that crop up with court staff? With opposing counsel? Importance of filing and giving notice?

**2. Phones/Tech**

- Court Staff (Maureen): Ok counsel, I've got you both on a phone status with the **judge**;  
Please update us on your efforts to resolve your legal **grudge**

Lawyer 1 (Ellen): Yea, I'd like a **#6**, with chicken **sticks**, and please make it **fast**;  
I've got a call to **make**, give me my **shake**, and I'll be out in a **blast**.

Judge (Kim): Um, counsel, we're in the call now;  
Can you update the court on how --

Lawyer 2 (Jen): Look judge, I feel I can talk freely since we're on the **phone**,  
This might be my opposing counsel, but we may as well be **alone**  
That lawyer is bad at their job, every call with them is a **groan**;  
Ordering food on a status call belongs on their **tombstone**.

Lawyer 1 (Ellen): Oh hi **y'all**, guess we're on the **call**; I'm ready for a status **report**  
I have a **DVD**, I need to play at my **plea**, which will strengthen my **retort**.

Court Staff (Maureen): You'll need to set up your own **technology**,  
Come plug into the court before we start at **3**.

Lawyer 1 (Ellen): But I don't have a **way** to get the video to **play**, I just have a **disc**;  
It has a **scratch**, was burned by a **match**, but the movie is **brisk**.

Judge (Kim): Did you share it with counsel before this status **report**?  
Can you email a copy of the video file to the **court**?

Lawyer 2 (Jen): I've seen all their DVD evidentiary **material**,  
Nearly all their evidence is verging on **ethereal**.  
However,  
I do have a multimedia **presentation**  
And also need to borrow the JA's **station**  
I may have a witness appearing by **phone**,  
How does the court plan to have counsel's video **shown**?

Leonard to lead discussion: Decorum on phone statuses? Setting up technology in advance of hearings?  
Sharing materials with counsel?

### **3. Candor to the Court and Client Control**

Judge (Matt): We're here today regarding counsel's **motion**  
Arguing for suppression of his client's **notion**  
That he may legally dispose of bodies in the **ocean**.

Lawyer 1 (Spencer): Judge, my client's actions were justified under the **law**  
Though there's no relevant legal authority that I saw

Lawyer 2 (Kim): What about that case I sent you about **manslaughter**?  
It directly discusses dumping of bodies in the **water**!

Lawyer 1 (Spencer): You can mention bad case law when it's your turn to **talk**

I'm not here to help you though that might come as a **shock**

Judge (Matt):

You've cited no authority for your motion to **suppress**,  
It's a challenge to insulate a man determined to **confess**.  
Counsel, have I heard every argument that you care to **express**?

**Lawyer 1 (Spencer):**

My client just told me to cite you the **UCC**,  
It says the max bodies dumped in the ocean is **three**  
I haven't read it but I'm told it will set him **free**  
And I argue what he tells me to avoid **hostility**

Matt and Spencer to lead the discussion: Candor to the courts during legal arguments? Filtering client arguments to the courts? How to handle new arguments at hearings?