

**SPONG 2024 MOOT COURT TOURNAMENT**  
**CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**Question 1:** Is single-spacing of point headings and long quotes is also permissible, *and* whether single-spacing may be used on the cover page, questions presented, table of contents, table of authorities, and appendices.

- a. **Answer:** Yes, single spacing may be used.

**Question 2:** May we re-word the Questions Presented persuasively in accordance with our issue, or are we supposed to copy and paste the questions on cert. in this section?

- a. **Answer:** You may reword the questions presented.

**Question 3:** How should we cite the Opinions Below, as the record given only provides the case numbers?

- a. **Answer:** Please cite to the case at the record.

**Question 4:** In the Constitutional Provisions and Statutes Involved Section, many briefs indicate, "The relevant statutory provisions appear in an appendix attached to this brief." Is it acceptable for us to use this format and list the contents of the PLRA and 14th Amendment in an appendix? We ask because the rules state, "Appendices may only be used to report the content of statutes, constitutions, and regulations not generally available."

- a. **Answer:** Use your best judgment.

**Question 5:** Is there any further information on the 3 previously filed actions and their dismissals? Specifically, were there any additional reasonings for the dismissals themselves?

- a. **Answer:** No, the three previously filed actions were dismissed solely pursuant to *Heck v. Humphrey*.

**Question 6:** What is the date that the Court of Appeals opinion was released?

- a. **Answer:** No date is in the record. For purposes of jurisdiction, everything has been timely filed.

**Question 7:** What is the date that the SCOTUS order was released?

- a. **Answer:** No date is in the record. For purposes of jurisdiction, everything has been timely filed.

**Question 8:** Are any lower court opinions published or are they unpublished?

a. **Answer:** They are unpublished.

**Question 9:** And The Order says for the October 2023 Term—should that be October 2024 or should we keep it as 2023?

a. **Answer:** The Order is correct.

**Question 10:** Were Shelby's three previous 1983 actions during his prior detention filed *in forma pauperis*?

a. **Answer:** Yes.

**Question 11:** Did Shelby ever refile his 1983 actions? If so, did they ever proceed to trial and what were their outcomes?

a. **Answer:** The record does not reflect what happened with his prior 1983 actions other than that they were dismissed pursuant to *Heck*.

**Question 12:** The rules do not indicate whether research is on a closed universe or open universe basis. Is research for the problem open universe?

a. **Answer:** The problem is on an open universe basis.