

## MOCK TRIAL CASES

### Case No. 1

Based on proof that his college roommate was caught selling marijuana, the police obtain a search warrant for the defendant's apartment. During the search the police find six ounces of marijuana in a hall closet as well as several marijuana cigarettes and a ledger located between the defendant's bed and that of his roommate. Based upon the seizure of the marijuana, finding the ledger, etc. and the law of constructive possession, the defendant has been charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana, a felony.

### Case No. 2

A physician, while driving nervously at night in what she believes to be a dangerous neighborhood, runs a yellow light and hits a drunk pedestrian. The doctor exits her car, checks the pedestrian's vital signs but then leaves in her car fearing for her safety. After finding a safe place to stop, the doctor places an anonymous call to 911 and reports the accident and injury. The doctor-defendant faces trial for the crime of leaving the scene of an accident.

### Case No. 3

A convenience store has been robbed and when the storeowner hesitates too long in opening the cash register, the robber shoots the owner's child who was behind the counter to get the money more quickly. The child is seriously hurt but lives. Later, the storeowner sees the robber, confronts him, shoots and kills him. The storeowner has been indicted for murder.

### Case No. 4

A military veteran and his family have been experiencing a number of unsolved burglaries at their home. After repeated complaints and police reports, no arrest has been made and the break ins have continued. Taking matters in his own hands, the defendant decides to set a booby trap, placing it by an unlocked window. The trap "works" killing a young man in the process. The veteran is charged with murder.