

Direct Examinations #5

Mr. Minchella Direct Examination

Objectives

To identify and discuss four exhibits that are relevant to the case. May
Donoghue has already identified the photo of the glass bottle and the
glass tumbler, but the menu and the floor plan for the Wellmeadow
Café are new to the case.

Sequences

- 1. Floorplan
 - a. HL: Wellmeadow floorplan (make-believe)
 - b. Present it
 - c. Identify it
 - d. Discuss it
 - i. What does it portray?
 - ii. Who prepared?

- iii. Accuracy at the time?
- iv. What table?

2. Menu

- a. HL: Wellmeadow Menu (make-believe)
- b. Present it
- c. Identify it
- d. Discuss it
 - i. Scotsman's Float
 - ii. Cost
 - iii. Components
 - iv. Name suppliers?

3. Glass Bottle

- a. HL: The Bottle (photo, Exhibit 1)
- b. Present it
- c. Identify it
- d. Discuss it
 - i. suppliers of ginger beer other than Stevenson?
 - ii. Who used this bottle?
 - iii. How do you know this?
 - iv. Why buy from other suppliers?
 - v. Who filled this bottle?
 - vi. May Donoghue says she saw the remains of a snail emerge from this bottle. What did you see as you poured it?

4. Glass Tumbler

- a. HL: The Tumbler (photo, Exhibit 2)
- b. Present it
- c. Identify it

d. Discuss it

- i. Who carried it to the table
- ii. What did it contain?
- iii. What else?
- iv. How do you know?
- v. What did you do with it at the table?
- vi. May Donoghue says she saw the remains of a snail emerge from this bottle. What did you see as you poured it?

Home exercise:

Create a series of Five-and-Out sequences for these exhibits with one of the other witnesses, and try these out using the techniques demonstrated above or on the podcast.