

ACTIVITY 4.2

Mock Trial

Directions: A mock trial format will be used to discuss and debate one of three cases relevant to LGBTQ clients and ethical issues related to the provision of services by mental health providers (MHPs) in training. The three cases involved are

- (a) *Keeton v. Anderson-Wiley* (2010),
- (b) *Ward v. Wilbanks* (2010), and
- (c) *Ward v. Polite* (2012).

Students will be randomly assigned to one the following teams for the mock trial.
Defense Team for the MHP students Keeton and Ward Team Members:

- 1. Keeton in her own defense,
- 2. Ward in her own defense,
- 3. mental health expert witness(es), or
- 4. defense lawyer(s).

Defense Team for the Universities Team Members:

- 1. student's professor or supervisor, and
- 2. defense lawyer(s).

The teams will meet ahead of the debate to prepare their side. Read professional readings and resources individually before meeting as a group to plan your side of the debate. Prepare a total of three key points for your case. Each group will have up to 5 minutes to present each point. A timer will be used to keep the time equal for the groups, and the group will lose points each time they go over the 5-minute limit. After each point, the other group will then have up to 2 minutes to respond in support of their case.

Note. This is not an assignment for law students but for MHPs in training to critically address issues relevant to training counselors and cultural competency in working with LGBTQ individuals.