

# **DOCUMENT 18**

## **50 COURTROOM QUESTIONS EVERY LIBERTY DIALOGUES STUDENT SHOULD KNOW**

These questions are designed to encourage disciplined examination rather than assumption. They are not scripts. They are tools for understanding and clarification.

### **AUTHORITY**

- What authority is being exercised?
- What law is being relied upon?
- What provision creates that authority?
- Who delegated that authority?
- Where is the source document?

### **JURISDICTION**

- What jurisdiction is being asserted?
- What facts establish jurisdiction?
- How was jurisdiction acquired?
- Is subject-matter jurisdiction established?
- Is personal jurisdiction established?

### **STATUS**

- How am I being classified?
- What definition is being applied?
- Where is that definition located?
- What facts support that classification?
- Has status been proven or assumed?

### **STANDING**

- Who is bringing the claim?
- What injury is being alleged?
- What facts establish standing?
- Who was actually harmed?
- How was that harm documented?

### **OBLIGATION**

- What obligation is being asserted?
- Where is that obligation defined?
- How does that obligation apply?

- What facts create the obligation?
- Has the obligation been proven?

## **ENFORCEMENT**

- What facts justify enforcement?
- What occurred before enforcement began?
- What investigation was performed?
- What evidence supports enforcement?
- What alternatives existed?

## **WITNESS QUESTIONS**

- What did you personally observe?
- What did you not observe?
- What investigation did you conduct?
- What documents did you review?
- What assumptions did you make?

## **OFFICER QUESTIONS**

- Did you observe commercial activity?
- Did you observe harm?
- Did you investigate further?
- Did anyone complain of injury?
- What facts support your conclusion?

## **PROSECUTOR QUESTIONS**

- What evidence proves each element?
- What evidence supports standing?
- What evidence supports obligation?
- What evidence supports enforcement?
- Which facts are undisputed?

## **JUDGE QUESTIONS**

- What authority governs this ruling?
- What rule is being applied?
- May I preserve my objection?
- What issue remains before the Court?
- May the record reflect my position?

## **FINAL PRINCIPLE**

The quality of the answers you receive is often determined by the quality of the questions you ask. The Liberty Dialogues begins with questions because questions expose assumptions and reveal what has actually been established.