

A TEACHING RESOURCE FOR PSYCHIATRY RESIDENTS

VIEW FROM THE JURY BOX:

Clark v. Stover

A Psychiatric Malpractice Mock Trial

THE LITIGATION PROCESS

JURY INSTRUCTIONS

After closing arguments the judge will give instructions to the jury about the law and the procedures they should follow during deliberations. These instructions or “charge to the jury” are guidelines for the jury in applying the substantive law to the contentions of the parties and the evidence that was presented. Attorneys for each side may submit requests for charges to the jury. The judge then evaluates these requests and decides whether to incorporate any of them into the final instructions to the jury.

