


**PUBLIC SPEAKING**



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**Stock Issues and Fiat**

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**Outline of Lecture**

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1. Fiat
2. Prima Facie
3. Stock issues

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**Fiat**

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Latin for “let it be done”-An order issued by legal authority

1. The AFF has fiat
2. Allows for open discussion of the merits of the plan

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*Prima Facie*

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The AFF has the *Burden of Proof*

- The AFF has the responsibility to prove that change in the status quo is necessary

Case must be *prima facie*:

- at first sight, on first view, before further examination

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*Prima Facie (cont.)*

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Requirements for a Prima Facie Case

- Prove a problem exists
- Prove that the current system cannot solve the problem
- Prove the problem is significant
- Prove that the AFF plan/proposal solves the problem

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**Stock Issues**

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1. Topicality (TOP)
2. Significance (SIG)
3. Inherency (INH)
4. Solvency (SOL)

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**Stock Issues (cont.)**

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Significance  
Applies to the harms

- Significance is a claim that harms/problems in the status quo are important and uphold the change stated in the resolution

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**Stock Issues (cont.)**

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Significance (cont.)

1. Explain the seriousness of the problem
  - How much
  - How many
2. Should show **impact**
  - Why something is important
  - Impacts need to be proven

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Stock Issues (cont.)

Inherency

Applies to the harms

- AFF presents a problem that needs to be fixed
- Show that the harm does exists in the status quo
- Show that the harm will not go away or be solved without the AFF plan
- Show that the AFF is proposing a new solution that will change the current policy/status quo

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Stock Issues (cont.)

Topicality

A challenge by the INC that the AFF case is outside the definitional or resolitional boundaries

- The AFF case should meet the requirements called for in the resolution
- Definitions should correspond to the resolution

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Stock Issues (cont.)

Solvency

Applies to the plan and its advantages

The AFF plan must solve the harms or create an advantage over the status quo

- Solve for a harm OR
- Create an advantage over the status quo

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**Traditional Affirmative Case**

Also called “need-plan case”

Observation #1: Definitions (TOP)

Observation #2: Inherency (applies to harms)

Observation #3: Harms (show SIG & INH)

Observation #4: Plan

Observation #5: Solvency (applies to plan & advantages)

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