Global Warming Trial
Instructions for the Attorneys

Before the trial...

- Write an opening statement that proves to the jury that Alixico Oil Company is guilty or not guilty.

- Prepare a list of witnesses that you would like to call. We may not have time to hear every witness testify in the trial, so make sure that the witnesses that you would most like to question are near the top of your list.

- Prepare a list of questions you have for the witnesses. As you hear witnesses testify, you may also come up with specific questions for them right on the spot. These prepared and impromptu questions might or might not include the following

  - Will you please read your witness statement?
  - I notice you have that [video, chart, graph] in your hands. Will you please share it with the jury? What does it prove?
  - What is your overall opinion of global warming?
  - Do you have any evidence to prove your point of view?
  - Isn't it true that, just a few decades ago, scientists were sure the earth was actually cooling down?
  - Isn't it true that Alixico is paying for your paycheck so you do not want to say anything against them?
  - Isn't it true that you are contributing to global warming yourself by...? Then why are you blaming the gas company?
  - What do you think would happen to you if you could no longer buy products from Alixico?

During the trial...

- Throughout the trial, the judge will invite you at different times to call witnesses to the stand. When the judge tells you, "You may call your next witness to the stand," you will say,

  - *We'd like to call _____ to the stand, your honor.*
  - When you are done questioning the witness, say,
  - *No further questions.*

- If the other attorneys ask questions or make statements that you think are inappropriate, you can say *objection* to the judge and explain why you object.

- Prior to the end of the trial, please prepare a closing argument in which you try to convince the jury one final time that your point of view is correct. In this final argument, be sure to include the other form of representation that you have prepared.