

## **Fantasy Mock Trial Outline: Commonwealth v. Gru**

This is a criminal case involving a simple assault charge that was filed against Felonious Gru. The underlying incident occurred at Salsa & Salsa, a Mexican restaurant owned by the victim Eduardo “El Macho” Perez in the Paradise Mall. Gru employs several minions and has noticed that some of his minions, who are extremely loyal and very gullible, have gone missing. When he goes to the mall with his girlfriend, Lucy Wilde, who is a secret agent, he notices a promotion at Salsa & Salsa giving away free bananas with every meal. Gru and El Macho used to compete as villains before Gru became a father and straightened his ways and Gru becomes extremely suspicious that El Macho is up to no good. Gru doesn’t see any minions when he walks by the restaurant so continues shopping with Lucy. As they are walking away Lucy turns around and sees Dr. Nefario, Gru’s former partner in crime, rip down the promotion.

When Gru walks past the store later that afternoon he notices a purple minion that looks a lot like Stuart, one of his most faithful and loyal minions. This purple creature, however, is acting very strange and is acting out of control. He goes into the restaurant to investigate and notices that the promotion was no longer out front of the store and Lucy explains she saw a man in a lab coat tear down the promotion but didn’t know who he was and thought it was some random person ripping it down to be mischievous. Gru realizes the man in the lab coat had to have been Dr. Nefario who never liked Gru’s minion and instantly becomes worried that his missing minions have been taken by El Macho and Dr. Nefario.

Unfortunately, Gru doesn’t have any of his typical gadgets since he was going to the mall but Lucy, who is always prepared, has a stun gun and she gives it to Gru. As Gru approaches the back of the restaurant where El Macho is standing he sees one of his other minions, Kevin, seated at a table eating a banana and that El Macho has started moving towards Kevin with his one hand behind his back. Right when he gets to the table he sees there was a second setting and Kevin asks Gru whether he has seen Stuart. Gru instantly realizes the purple minion was Stuart and sees El Macho move his arm. Reacting to El Macho’s movement, Gru uses Lucy’s stun gun and aims it at El Macho. The stun gun knocks El Macho into the wall and turns him into a ballerina. Gru grabs Kevin immediately and lures Stuart out with the banana that is still on Kevin’s plate. Unfortunately, Gru still hasn’t been able to transform Stuart back to his original self and has to keep Stuart in a cage to prevent him from attacking the other minions.

### **Exhibits: will be provided to each courtroom leader**

Promotion from restaurant advertising bananas with every meal

Stun gun (thinking mini nerf guns)

Photo of crime scene (outline of El Macho on the wall)

Purple minion

### **Characters to testify:**

#### Commonwealth:

El Macho and Dr. Nefario

#### Defense:

Lucy Wilde, Gru and Kevin (Minion)

## **Character Personalities:**

**Gru** – used to be a villain. Known most prominently for stealing the moon (but then giving it back) and deciding he wanted to become good after he adopted three young girls. He originally adopted the girls for them to help him with his evil plan of stealing the money but then he realized he wanted to be their father and adopted them. Gru works for the Anti-Villain League (AVL) after being recruited to help by Lucy, who has been working for the AVL for a couple of years. Gru still likes to experiment with his gadgets but swears to only use them for good.

**Lucy** – works for the AVL but can be a bit of a klutz. She has a lot of quirky gadgets like a lipstick taser and enjoys working with Gru. She is new to the area after being relocated for the purpose of recruiting Gru. Lucy is one of the top agents in the AVL.

**Dr. Nefario** – Gru’s former evil henchman who played a key role in Gru stealing the moon. A rift between the two first occurred when Gru was thinking about going to his daughter’s dance recital rather than stealing the moon like the two had planned. Dr. Nefario argued with Gru and was eventually able to convince Gru into stealing after all and Gru missed the recital as a result. After Gru returned the moon Dr. Nefario stayed on with Gru but became bored with Gru’s “good ways” and was annoyed by the minions who seemed to have the run of the workshop. Dr. Nefario told Gru he could no longer work with him because he missed being evil and had found other employment. Dr. Nefario doesn’t tell Gru that he was going to work for El Macho, one of Gru’s former competitors.

**El Macho** – Eduardo Perez owns a restaurant named Salsa & Salsa at the Paradise Mall but is secretly “El Macho,” a former villain who dropped off the radar after his evil mastermind plot went up in smokes. El Macho is back to hatch an evil plan to reclaim his glory but doesn’t want anyone to know, which is why he opened up Salsa & Salsa. When El Macho found out that Dr. Nefario was unhappy with his employment he contacted Dr. Nefario and offered him an opportunity too good to pass on.