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INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for taking time to educate and evaluate these students. Please read the following guidelines to help us provide a fairer and more consistent assessment of team skills. Each function of the trial is scored and counts toward the overall points that will determine a win or loss. Please mark the score on the **SCORE SHEET** (page 5) at the appropriate spot. Use spaces provided to write comments regarding student performance. **Note:** all **DEFENSE** functions are shaded.

All students should follow program guidelines on objections, impeaching witnesses and admitting exhibits. Do not deduct points because these procedures differ from those used in your practice.

Students in attorney roles should be judged on the basis of their knowledge of the law, court procedure, and grasp of the case. In addition, consider their organization, clarity, ability to focus your interest, and poise. Students in witness roles should be judged on the basis of their convincing portrayal of their characters, including consistency with facts in the affidavit, clarity, ability to focus your interest, and poise. Please use the 10 point scale described below to help to distinguish excellent, average, and below average students.

<u>Score</u>	<u>Attorneys</u>	<u>Witnesses</u>
9-10	Performs like experienced trial lawyer Polished: Questions memorized or minimal notes Pertinent questions advance case Demonstrates clear understanding of procedures Thinks well on feet, in control of situation	Convincing, believable performance Excellent grasp of case Strong voice & eye contact Consistently maintains character
7-8	Excellent preparation Uses notes but delivers smooth line of questions Questions assist in case Demonstrates good understanding of procedures Able to be spontaneous some of the time	Believable performance Understands case Easily audible voice, much eye contact Able to stay in character
5-6	Good preparation Used notes, occasional stumble on delivery Questions mostly advance case Demonstrates basic understanding of procedures Needs more spontaneity, persuasiveness	Mostly realistic, believable performance Basic understanding of case Audible voice, some eye contact Mostly stays in character
3-4	Needs practice in lawyer's role Reads entirely scripted questions Questions barely advance case Demonstrates little understanding of procedures Needs work on poise and delivery	Performance not realistic Doesn't clearly understand case Stronger voice needed, little or no eye contact Unable to maintain character Invents facts or stumbles over responses
1-2	Not functional in lawyer's role Reads few, scripted questions Questions do not advance case Disruptive/disrespectful /inappropriate actions	Performance not believable No understanding of case Weak/inaudible voice, little or no eye contact Disruptive/disrespectful/inappropriate actions

1. P's Opening Statement: Name _____ **SCORE** _____

Comments:

2. D's Opening Statement: Name _____ **SCORE** _____

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P's witness #1. Character Name:

3. Directing Attorney's Name _____ Score _____ _____ _____ _____	4. Witness Name Direct _____ Score _____ _____ _____ _____
5. Crossing Attorney's Name _____ Score _____ _____ _____ _____	6. Witness Name Cross _____ Score _____ _____ _____ _____

P's witness #2. Character Name:

3. Directing Attorney's Name _____ Score _____ _____ _____ _____	4. Witness Name Direct _____ Score _____ _____ _____ _____
5. Crossing Attorney's Name _____ Score _____ _____ _____ _____	6. Witness Name Cross _____ Score _____ _____ _____ _____

P's witness #3. Character Name:

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3. Directing Attorney's Name _____ Score _____ _____ _____ _____	4. Witness Name Direct _____ Score _____ _____ _____ _____
5. Crossing Attorney's Name _____ Score _____ _____ _____ _____	6. Witness Name Cross _____ Score _____ _____ _____ _____

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D's Witness #1. Character name:

<p>3. Directing Attorney's Name _____ Score _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>4. Witness Name Direct _____ Score _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>5. Crossing Attorney's Name _____ Score _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>6. Witness Name Cross _____ Score _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

D's Witness #2. Character name:

<p>3. Directing Attorney's Name _____ Score _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>4. Witness Name Direct _____ Score _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>5. Crossing Attorney's Name _____ Score _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>6. Witness Name Cross _____ Score _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

D's Witness #3. Character name:

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<p>3. Directing Attorney's Name _____ Score _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>4. Witness Name Direct _____ Score _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>5. Crossing Attorney's Name _____ Score _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>6. Witness Name Cross _____ Score _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

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1. P's Closing Argument: Name _____ **SCORE** _____

Comments:

2. D's Closing Argument: Name _____ **SCORE** _____

Comments:

1. Additional Comments for P.

Comments:

2. Additional Comments for D.

Comments:

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SCORE SHEET

Please fill out this sheet and hand it in IMMEDIATELY after the trial, before you consult with the other judges or offer any oral critique. The prompt completion of this sheet is important to the timeliness of the next round and the efficiency of the entire tournament. You do not have to add your scores, but please make sure all scores are transcribed accurately from the other sections of the ballot. This summary sheet represents the official and final scores.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Plaintiff	Defendant
Opening statement _____	Opening statement _____
PLAINTIFF CASE IN CHIEF	PLAINTIFF CASE IN CHIEF
First Direct Exam _____	
First Witness: Direct _____	
First Witness Cross _____	First Cross Exam _____
Second Direct Exam _____	
Second Witness: Direct _____	
Second Witness: Cross _____	Second Cross Exam _____
DEFENSE CASE IN CHIEF	DEFENSE CASE IN CHIEF
	First Direct Exam _____
	First Witness: Direct _____
First Cross Exam _____	First Witness: Cross _____
	Second Direct Exam _____
	Second Witness: Direct _____
	Second Witness: Cross _____
Second Cross Exam _____	
Closing Argument _____	Closing Argument _____
Overall Team Score _____	Overall Team Score _____
Total All Scores _____	Total All Scores _____

OUTSTANDING ATTORNEYS AND WITNESSES

Each judge may list up to three attorneys and three witnesses in the trial. If no performances were worthy of awards, no names should be listed. Please list students in order of excellence, 1 being the best, as the sequence does matter for student awards.

ATTORNEYS
 (student's name) (circle)
 1. _____ P or D
 2. _____ P or D
 3. _____ P or D

WITNESSES
 (student's name) (circle)
 1. _____ P or D
 2. _____ P or D
 3. _____ P or D

