

MOCK TRIAL BALLOT



ROOM #:	DATE:	TIME:
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TEAM A Plaintiff/Prosecution	Competitor 1:	Round #:
	Competitor 2:	
TEAM B Defense	Competitor 1:	Round #:
	Competitor 2:	

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the following criteria and point values to calculate each team’s total score. In the event of a tie, the highest Procedure & Mechanics score will decide the winner. In the event of a tie, see the Vice Chair of Mock Trial, Vice Chair of Judges or the Chairperson. When the round is complete, circle the name of the top oralist.

OPENING STATEMENT	TEAM A	TEAM B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly and persuasively presented their sides theory of the case. Personalized their client and him/herself. Accurately stated cause of action and elements in an easy-to-understand manner. Properly touched on their burden of proof. Had an effective theme that correlates with the cause of action. 	/10	/10

Questioning of the Witnesses:

- Questions generated the minimum number of valid objections.
- Made or failed to make objections with tactical or substantive merit.
- Appropriately responded to objections made.
- Testimony was developed in an interesting and coherent fashion.
- Listened and followed up on witness answers to elicit helpful testimony.
- Showed strengths and weaknesses of witnesses in the most favorable light.
- Effective use of evidence.
- Touched on their theme.

For Cross Examination Only:

- Used leading questions appropriately and advantageously.
- Advocate demonstrated control of the witness.
- Advocate demonstrated a good ability to “think on their feet” and respond to witnesses unexpected answers.

For Direct Examination/Redirect Only:

- Used open ended questions.
- Redirect was within the scope of cross and does not repeat questions asked in direct.
- Testimony elicited from the witness told their client’s story.

PLAINTIFF/PROSECUTION WITNESSES	TEAM A (Direct/Redirect)	TEAM B (Cross)
Witness #1	/10	/10
Witness #2	/10	/10

DEFENSE WITNESSES	TEAM A (Cross)	TEAM B (Direct/Redirect)
Witness #1	/10	/10
Witness #2	/10	/10

CLOSING STATEMENT	TEAM A	TEAM B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurately stated cause of action and elements in an easy-to-understand manner. • Touched on their burden of proof. • Continued the theme. • Presented a cohesive theory of the case and dealt effectively with their weaknesses. • Affectively called attention to opponent's flaws. • Presented a persuasive argument using the testimony elicited during direct and cross examination. • Effectively countered opponents' argument. 	/10	/10

PROCEDURE & MECHANICS	TEAM A	TEAM B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did counsel present skillful, well-prepared motions to challenge the opposing party? • Argument for motions was proper, reasonable and convincing. • Advocates properly responded to opposing counsel's motions. • Advocates exhibited knowledge of rules of evidence. • Clear and succinct in pretrial matters/housekeeping. • Proper impeachment procedure was followed. • Proper evidence admission procedure was used. • Time management. • Properly moved for a directed verdict/properly responded to the opposing party's directed verdict. • Renewed motion for a Directed verdict after the defense's case in chief. • Asked for permission to approach the witness and/or the bench, stood when talking to the judge and when judge enters the room. 	/10	/10

STYLE	TEAM A	TEAM B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocates were personable and established connections with the jury. judge and witnesses. • Advocates had an appropriate tone when questioning witnesses. • Worked well as a team. • Displayed appropriate decorum to team members, judges, and opposing team throughout the round. • Spoke loudly and clearly enough to be heard and understood. 	/5	/5

POINT TOTALS	TEAM A	TEAM B
	/75	/75

WINNING TEAM:

POINT SPREAD

JUDE'S NAME: _____

JUDGE'S SIGNATURE: _____