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| **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.

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| **OPENING STATEMENT** | **TEAM A** | **TEAM B** |
| * 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.

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

**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.

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

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| **CLOSING STATEMENT** | **TEAM A** | **TEAM B** |
| * 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** |

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| **PROCEDURE & MECHANICS** | **TEAM A** | **TEAM B** |
| * 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 and objections. * 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** |

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| **STYLE** | **TEAM A** | **TEAM B** |
| * 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** |

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| **POINT TOTALS** | **TEAM A** | **TEAM B** |
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| **WINNING TEAM:** | | |
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