



Team Number _____

Round (circle one): Preliminaries Quarter-Finals Semi-Finals Finals

Any additional observations, comments, or suggestions for improvement as to either advocate should go on a separate sheet of paper – provided. You are welcomed and encouraged to share those comments with the advocates after you have completed the scoring for each team.

Grading Guidelines (for total score – to be rendered individually as to each Advocate)

108-120 (Superior) 95-107 (Above Average) 82-94 (Average) 69-81 (Fair) Below 68 (Poor)

ADVOCATES' LAST NAMES

Court Demeanor

- Attire and professional bearing
• Language, deference to Court
• Compliance with courtroom etiquette
• Body language, hand gestures, eye contact

(Maximum 20 Points)

Knowledge of Record

- Familiarity with names, events sequence, dates
• Familiarity with procedural case history
• Familiarity with court's reasoning

(Maximum 20 Points)

Organization and Reasoning

- Outline of argument
• Logical consistency of argument
• Awareness of strengths and weaknesses of case

(Maximum 20 Points)

Persuasiveness

- Presenting argument with little use of notes
- Use of rebuttal (for Petitioners only)
- Enthusiasm, zealousness, proper intonation

(Maximum 20 Points)

Legal Analysis

- Use of legal authority
- Use of policy arguments
- Understanding of legal issues

(Maximum 20 Points)

Responsiveness to Questions

- Use of direct, responsive answers
- Ability to dispose of collateral issues tactfully
- Ability to return to argument after questions
- Control of discussion, without interrupting Judges
- Ability to perceive and discuss issues important to the Court
- Flexibility in presenting points in response to questions

(Maximum 20 Points)

TOTAL (out of 120 points):

Judge Name: _____

Signature: _____