



# BRIEF SCORE SHEET

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**Team Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grader** \_\_\_\_\_

## Grading Guidelines

Please grade the brief based only on the criteria below. Do not consider the merits of the case. You will score the brief on a scale of 100. Most scores should fall within the 60-90 point range. Exceptionally good briefs should score above 90; exceptionally poor briefs should score below 60.

### Format

- Mechanics (proper use of Statement of Facts, etc.)
- Uniformity and flow (parallel form of all Questions Presented, headings, etc.)
- Neatness, legibility, no typos or format errors
- Proper use of citations and citation form
- Adherence to the Rules of the Competition

**(Maximum 20 Points)** \_\_\_\_\_

### Organization

- Logical progression of ideas
- Effective use of headings to outline arguments

**(Maximum 20 Points)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Legal Analysis**

- Understanding essential legal issues presented
- Focus on essential (not collateral) issues
- Discussion of viable alternative arguments
- Innovative approach to issues

**(Maximum 20 Points)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advocacy and Writing Style**

- Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
- Forceful and persuasive presentation
- Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
- Integration of facts into legal argument

**(Maximum 20 Points)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Use of Authority**

- Understanding and analysis of authority
- Effective use of authority to support argument
- Ability to distinguish adverse cases

**(Maximum 20 Points)** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL (out of 100 points):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grader's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

# COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

## Format

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## Organization

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## Legal Analysis

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## Advocacy and Writing Style

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## Use of Authority

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