

Brief Score Sheet

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

Organization

Legal Analysis

Advocacy and Writing Style

Use of Authority
