



## **Memo: 2018 Judicial Updates and Reminders**

Please note the following changes to Judicial section documents and procedures. These changes were made in consultation with District Directors, Section Leaders, and the State Office.

### Appellate Section:

- Changes to the evaluation form, to closely mirrors trial evaluation form
- Consolidated comments page and provided guidelines for scoring 0-5
- Added clarification to the meaning of each scoring category
- Reformatted form to read vertically rather than horizontally
- There is a revised rubric for Briefs, changes include required font and font size, and additional criteria in Appellate Supplemental Material.
- Only use this year's Appellate Material as there have been updates to
- This is a **closed case**, only use cases/sources that are referenced within the case.
- Appellate teams can use the affidavits from the Trial Court packet if they wish to do so.

### Trial Section:

- Supplemental material was revised this year to reduce duplicate information so please do not use past years study guides. There are now four attachments to review
- Rules of Evidence have been updated to eliminate the need for Simplified Rules of Evidence and the Judge and Attorney Study Guide from previous years.
- Rules of Procedure contains all of the "how to" for running a trial case. It incorporates the previous Bailiff's Study Guide, Rules of Trial Procedure, and parts of Judge and Attorney Study Guide.
- Judicial Section Guide includes the competition information regarding forming a trial team, team composition, evaluation, etc.
- Trial Case 2018-2019
- County Court team rounds will begin on Friday morning just like District Court at State Conference.

### BOTH Appellate and Trial Sections

- With the generous support of the Texas Bar Foundation, the State Office has made available an eight-lesson curriculum for clubs with Judicial sections. Advisors can access the curriculum in the resource portal of the website <https://ymcatexasyg.org/resource-portal/>
- The State Office will be using a digital app this year at State Conference (YAPP) to release the full Judicial rankings after rounds conclude. We will invite those participants attending state to download the link after District Conferences