



# TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

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Round #: _____
Courtroom #: _____
Evaluator Name: _____

## APPELLATE EVALUATION FORM

**PETITIONER:** Team #: \_\_\_\_\_ - School/District: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESPONDENT:** Team #: \_\_\_\_\_ - School/District: \_\_\_\_\_

### APPELLANT

### APPELLEE

Atty #1

Atty #2

Atty #1

Atty #2

#### 1. Knowledge and use of facts: (Using the scale of 0-5)

- a. How well did the attorney explain what happened in the case?
- b. How well did these facts relate to the facts in other cases? If the attorney cited another case to support his or her argument, are the facts sufficiently similar?
- c. If the attorney tried to convince the justice that another case didn't apply to this case, did the attorney successfully demonstrate why the facts were different?

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#### 2. Knowledge and use of case law: (Using the scale of 0-5)

- a. Did the attorney cite cases that have been decided to support his or her argument in this case?
- b. Did the attorney make clear the decisions of other courts and their applicability to the case at hand?

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#### 3. Effectiveness/persuasiveness of argument: (Using the scale of 0-5)

- a. Did the attorney offer compelling reasons to support his or her position?
- b. Did the attorney order his or her points understandably and appropriately?

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#### 4. Demeanor/presentation: (Using the scale of 0-5)

- a. Did the attorney stand up straight? Make eye contact with the justice? Speak respectfully to opponents? Refrain from yelling/raising voice? Use proper grammar and avoid slang? Address all comments to justices rather than to opponents?

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Atty #2

Atty #1

Atty #2

#### 5. Ability to respond to questions: (Using the scale of 0-5)

- a. Did the attorney actually answer the questions the justice asked rather than providing a non-answer?
- b. After answering questions, did the attorney effectively steer the justice back to his or her argument?

**Student Justice# \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Performance (Using the scale of 0-5)**

- a. Ability to communicate grounds for decision
- b. Questioning skills
- c. Reasoning ability
- d. Knowledge of legal procedure, law, and facts
- e. Cooperation with colleagues
- f. Demeanor



## APPELLATE BRIEF SCORE SHEET

Attorneys \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

### Form

Cover Page	0	1	2	3
Proper Length (1-8 pages)	0	1	2	3
Proper Font & Size (Verdana, 11 pt)	0	1	2	3
Contains all required sections	0	1	2	3
Free of Grammatical Errors	0	1	2	3

### Facts

Provides a brief statement of the case	0	1	2	3
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### Points of Error

Includes relevant facts	0	1	2	3
Identifies correct issues	0	1	2	3
States issues clearly and concisely	0	1	2	3

### Argument/Authorities

Logically organizes arguments	0	1	2	3
Supports arguments with case law	0	1	2	3
Uses relevant facts from case	0	1	2	3
Applies case law to facts	0	1	2	3
Proper Citation Form	0	1	2	3

### Conclusion

Requests Relief	0	1	2	3
Signed by both attorneys	0	1	2	3

Total Points \_\_\_\_\_(48 possible)



## Appellate Bench Brief Score Sheet

Judge \_\_\_\_\_

### Form

Cover Page	0	1	2	3
Proper Length (1-8 pages)	0	1	2	3
Proper Font & Size (Verdana, 11 pt)	0	1	2	3
Contains all required sections	0	1	2	3
Free of Grammatical Errors	0	1	2	3

### Facts

Provides a brief statement of the case	0	1	2	3
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### Issues

Includes relevant facts	0	1	2	3
Identifies correct issues	0	1	2	3
States issues clearly and concisely	0	1	2	3

### Discussion of Applicable Law

Logically organizes discussion	0	1	2	3
Supports discussion with case law	0	1	2	3
Uses relevant facts from case	0	1	2	3
Applies case law to facts	0	1	2	3
Proper Citation Form	0	1	2	3

### Questions

Includes 5 questions for Petitioner	0	1	2	3
Includes 5 questions for Respondent	0	1	2	3

Total Points \_\_\_\_\_(48 possible)



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### ATTORNEY COMPILATION SCORE SHEET FOR PRELIMINARY ROUNDS (PRE-SHOWCASE)

APPELLATE TEAM # \_\_\_\_\_

ATTORNEY \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### SCORES

ORAL ARGUMENT (75%)

If more than one evaluator sheet per round, average the scores

Round One	_____
Round Two	_____
Round Three	_____
Round Four	_____
Round Five	_____
Round Six	_____
Round Seven	_____
Round Eight	_____
Round Nine	_____
Round Ten	_____

BRIEF (25%) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL SCORE \_\_\_\_\_



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### JUDGE COMPILATION SCORE SHEET FOR PRELIMINARY ROUNDS (PRE-SHOWCASE)

Judge # \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### SCORES

JUDGING (75%) – fill in scores for rounds as applicable

If more than one evaluator sheet per round, average the scores

Round One	_____
Round Two	_____
Round Three	_____
Round Four	_____
Round Five	_____
Round Six	_____
Round Seven	_____
Round Eight	_____
Round Nine	_____
Round Ten	_____

BENCH BRIEF (25%) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL SCORE \_\_\_\_\_