



Memo: 2021 Judicial Updates and Reminders

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

Appellate Section:

**** This year's case has been shared by the University of San Diego School of Law with reviews and edits by Jen Wissinger, Appellate Section Leader. In the interest of time, we are posting the first draft of the case to the website; however, please note there may be some ongoing updates before it is finalized in the coming week, with case law to be included very soon.**

- All questions regarding case material and procedures should be submitted [ONLINE HERE](#) or via the link on the website (Judicial Section) no later than October 22, 2021. One document will be provided and will include all questions and our responses by October 29, 2021.
- Reminders: review scoring rubric for both oral arguments and briefs.
- ALL Briefs are to be submitted through the website prior to your District Conference, check with your District for specific due date.
- If Briefs are revised after District Conference, the final date to submit to State Office is December 20th. Late briefs will have five points deducted from overall score. Briefs not turned in will be given a score of zero.
- Briefs should be submitted in WORD format, with a signature either typed or electronic and **MUST** be uploaded to the Texas Youth and Government [website link](#).
- Teams should review and understand the Bailiff requirements in [Rules and Instruction of Appellate Procedure, Attachment 1](#).
- This is a **closed case**, only use cases/sources that are referenced within the case. Please review the [Appellate Case Material page 3](#) for guidance.
- Reminder if there are new clubs starting this year, please take a look at the Judicial Curriculum, made available due to the generous support of the Texas Bar Foundation. Advisors can access the curriculum in the resource portal of the website <https://ymcatexasyg.org/resource-portal/>
- The State Office will continue to use the digital app YAPP at State Conference (YAPP) to announce rounds and release the full Judicial rankings during or after closing ceremonies. We will invite those participants attending state to download the link after District Conferences.
**** Some Districts will also use YAPP for District Conference.**