

JUDGE _____ (last name only)

FINAL ROUND

WILLIAMS INSTITUTE MOOT COURT COMPETITION

ORAL ARGUMENT SCORING SHEET

	Team # _____ PETITIONER	Team # _____ RESPONDENT
1. Opening		
<input type="checkbox"/> Quickly summarize the party's basic position?	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Speak clearly and confidently with limited reliance on a written statement?	(of 10)	(of 10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Offer a roadmap as an overview of the party's argument?		
2. Presentation of the Merits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Effectively maintain a theme?	_____ x 2 = _____	_____ x 2 = _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Make well-reasoned arguments?	(of 10)	(of 10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on the important issues raised by the case?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Organize the arguments well?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate mastery of the facts and the decision below?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit knowledge and understanding of relevant precedent and policy?		
3. Responsiveness to the Bench		
<input type="checkbox"/> Prepared for questions that could be reasonably anticipated?	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Respond to the bench's questions and concerns coherently?	(of 10)	(of 10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Resume his or her argument when appropriate after bench interruptions?		
4. Demeanor		
<input type="checkbox"/> Present the argument smoothly and confidently?	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Display a courteous and respectful attitude when responding to the bench?	(of 10)	(of 10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimize the use of notes?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain eye contact and appropriate gestures?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Develop a rapport with the bench?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Avoid distracting fillers (e.g. "um")?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Avoid unnecessary shifting or fidgeting?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Dress appropriately?		
TOTAL SCORE	_____	_____
	(of 50)	(of 50)

Ranking: (Please rank the attorneys of the round 1st through 4th, by placing a "1" next to the best attorney, "2" next to the second best attorney, and so on.)

	Name	Rank		Name	Rank
First Petitioner			First Respondent		
Second Petitioner			Second Respondent		

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SUGGESTED SCORING GUIDELINES

<u>SCORE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
10	Exceptional ; unique, extremely persuasive and outstanding use of authority; extraordinarily advanced oral advocacy skills. (A rare score)
9	Nearly Perfect ; consistent and well-organized; very persuasive and high quality presentation; effective in advocating client's position.
8	Very Good ; a few errors; maintained quality of argument; focused on pertinent issues.
6 or 7	Good ; solid effort; effective ideas
5	Competent ; adequate presentation and representation of client's position; no significant flaws in the argument.
4	Fair ; lacks polish; needs improvement; misunderstood some issues or failed to present the client's position satisfactorily.
3	Poor ; must improve basic oral advocacy skills; needs help in presenting a persuasive argument.
1 or 2	Inadequate ; lacks basic skills; substantial misunderstanding or major issues; total lack of preparation. (A rare score).