

**2011 CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION
MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

ORAL ARGUMENT SCORE SHEET

Oralist: _____

Round: _____

Team Designation: _____

Party: Petitioner / Respondent

Instructions: Please complete one score sheet FOR EACH ORALIST. Please assess each oralist in each of the four categories below in order to provide an Individual Oral Score. Please only use whole numbers in your scores. Also, upon completion of this round, RANK each oralist with respect to how the oralist fared against the other oralists within the group.

Please feel free to give constructive critiques, but do not disclose your scores or your rankings to any of the oralists. The advancement of any team is based upon the oral argument scores as well as the team's Brief, which was scored earlier.

PLEASE TRY TO START YOUR ROUND PROMPTLY AT THE DESIGNATED TIME.

Speaking Ability

_____ out of 25

- Voice, diction, enunciation, audibility and clarity
- Grammar, vocabulary, use of appropriate terminology
- Eye contact, poise, avoiding distracting mannerisms or movements (including during co-counsel's and opposing team's arguments)
- Effective use of time, control of tempo, pace of delivery
- Minimizes use of notes when needed, and if referred to, notes are organized and quickly referenced.

Structure of Argument

_____ out of 25

- Introduction of oralist and co-counsel, preview of argument
- Clear, logical organization of argument
- Ability to return to and proceed with argument after answering questions
- Covering strongest arguments, addressing weakest arguments, and responding to counterarguments
- Smooth transition between arguments and conclusion/summary of arguments

Preparation and Familiarity with Materials and Law

_____ out of 25

- Knowledge and familiarity of Record, proper use of party names
- Knowledge and familiarity of relevant case law
- Knowledge and familiarity of policy issues
- Avoids confusing arguments of Petitioner and Respondent (switches from arguing on-brief to off-brief properly)
- Applies law to facts

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Responses to Questions

_____ out of 25

- Listens to and understands questions
- Responses include citation to relevant authority (if appropriate)
- Responses are logical and well-reasoned
- Oralist is respectful of judge’s questions, shows proper deference to Court
- Poise and composure during questioning

INDIVIDUAL ORAL SCORE: _____ out of 100

Expected Point Distribution:

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|--------|---------------|
| 90-100 | Excellent |
| 78-89 | Very Good |
| 66-77 | Average |
| 50-65 | Below Average |
| 0-50 | Poor |

INDIVIDUAL ORAL RANK: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th
(Circle one, with 1st being BEST)

Judge: _____

Notes/Comments:

Please bring the score sheets to the Moot Court Committee check-in table when finished. PLEASE LEAVE THE COURTROOM EXACTLY AS YOU FOUND IT. We appreciate you volunteering your time in order to make our competition successful. Thank you!