

**2009 CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION  
MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

**BRIEF SCORE SHEET**

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

Team Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief for: Petitioner / Respondent

**I. FORMAL REQUIREMENTS**

The purpose of this Section is to assess the technical elements of the Brief. The focus is upon how well the Brief complies with Rule 24 of the Supreme Court Rules. A zero should be given only if a section is completely omitted from the Brief, or is so poor it might just as well have been. The highest possible score should be given if that section meets all the formal requirements. Please note that the list of parties and formal statement of jurisdiction have been waived for this Competition.

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B. Questions Presented	0 1 2	G. Statement of the Case	0 1 2 3 4 5 6
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**Formal Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_ out of 25**

**II. ARGUMENT**

The scores for this Section focus upon whether the Brief has addressed all major arguments and included the relevant case law. See Brief Grader's Memorandum for more details.

- A. Use of argument \_\_\_\_\_ out of 20
- B. Use of authority \_\_\_\_\_ out of 10
- C. Use of facts and Record \_\_\_\_\_ out of 5

**Argument: \_\_\_\_\_ out of 35**

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

Team Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. EFFECTIVENESS**

This Section is intended to determine the quality of advocacy and persuasiveness presented in the Brief. In assessing the number of points for each factor, you may weigh each factor as you see fit.

	Poor				Excellent							
A. Structure of the Argument					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
B. Persuasiveness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
C. Style/Grammar/Syntax	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
D. Analysis	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
E. Application of Law	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				

**Effectiveness: \_\_\_\_\_ out of 40**

**SUBTOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_ out of 100**

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A. Late Postmark: (5 points per day)

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**Comments:**