

Brief Evaluation Form

Brief Grader Name: _____

Competitor Number: _____

Points Awarded

I. Substance (maximum total points = **65**)

A. Questions Presented

_____ out of 5

1. Identifies correct issues (2)
2. States issues clearly and concisely (2)
3. Phrased persuasively, using relevant facts if needed (1)

B. Statement of the Case

_____ out of 10

1. Includes all relevant facts and states them accurately (2)
2. Organizes facts into a clear and concise picture (2)
3. Maintains objectivity, yet written persuasively (4)

C. Summary of the Argument

_____ out of 10

1. Concisely outlines the argument (5)
2. Incorporates key facts and rules of law (5)

D. Argument Structure

_____ out of 9

1. Uses clear and concise headings (3)
2. Divides issues into a logical order (3)
3. Discusses all necessary issues (3)

E. Use of Authority

_____ out of 15

1. Identifies leading authorities (5)
2. Discusses cases and their relevant facts (5)
3. Synthesizes authority into coherent rules of law (5)

F. Persuasiveness

_____ out of 16

1. Presents favorable arguments in a persuasive and logical way (4)
2. Anticipates and addresses adverse arguments (4)
3. Analogizes and distinguishes case facts from the problem (4)
4. Applies synthesized rules to facts of the problem (4)

II. Research (maximum total points = **10**)

_____ out of 10

- A. Discovered proper authorities (5)
- B. Accorded authorities proper weight (5)

III. Form (maximum total points = **10**)

_____ out of 10

- A. Well written and polished (10) [consider spelling errors, typos, sentence construction, transitions, internal consistency, and the general flow of the brief]

Total Score: _____ **out of 85**