

COMPETITOR: _____

**HIGH SCHOOL APPELLATE COMPETITION
BRIEF SCORE SHEET**

Judges: Award points for each element, and subtotal the points for each category. PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK YOUR MATH. A total of 100 points are available. In grading each brief, focus on those areas of brief writing that are not easily taught, i.e., legal analysis and persuasiveness, more so than typos, citations, and organization. When complete, TOTAL your score at the bottom, sign your name, and date the form. Please submit form, along with your set of briefs to FLREA.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE & FACTS:

Effective Organization of Facts & Procedural History	_____ / 5 pts. Max
Persuasive Use of Pertinent Facts/Diffusing Damaging Facts	_____ / 10 pts. Max
Subtotal:	_____ / 15 pts. Max

ARGUMENT:

Issue Recognition	_____ / 10 pts. Max
Quality of Legal Analysis	_____ / 20 pts. Max
Persuasive Use of Authority	_____ / 15 pts. Max
Clarity, Conciseness, "Readability"	_____ / 15 pts. Max
Organization, Headings, Subheadings	_____ / 5 pts. Max
Subtotal:	_____ / 65 pts. Max

TECHNICAL COMPLIANCE & GRAMMAR:

Compliance with Rules (Cover Sheet, Table of Authorities, Summaries, Conclusion)	_____ / 5 pts. Max
Spelling & Grammar	_____ / 10 pts. Max
Citation Style	_____ / 5 pts. Max
Subtotal:	_____ / 20 pts. Max
TOTAL:	_____ / 100 pts. Max

Judge's Name: _____

Date: _____

NOTES & COMMENTS: [WRITE ON BACK]

BRIEF SCORE SHEET GUIDELINES

Effective Organization of Facts & Procedural History	Are the essential facts of the case organized in a clear, understandable manner?
Persuasive Use of Pertinent Facts/Diffusing Damaging Facts	Are the essential facts stated favorably for one side? Are damaging facts included and explained in a persuasive manner?
Issue Recognition	Are the issues clearly stated and answered in the brief? Are the arguments tendered to those issues?
Quality of Legal Analysis	Did the brief possess logical arguments based upon the law? Did the arguments appear to be well considered and supported by evidence?
Persuasive Use of Authority	Did the brief contain convincing arguments regarding the case law for the issues? Were all the leading cases used? Were the facts included from the cases cited, when appropriate? Did the brief distinguish unfavorable cases and authority?
Clarity, Conciseness, "Readability"	Were arguments made clearly and understandably?
Organization, Headings, Subheadings	Were the headings and subheadings effective at propelling the argument? Was the argument organized in a logical fashion?
Compliance with Rules	Did the brief include a cover sheet, table of authorities, summary of the case, argument, and conclusion?
Spelling & Grammar	Was appropriate care taken to ensure that no spelling or grammar errors remained in the completed legal brief?
Citation Style	Are the citations proper? Did they pay attention to detail? Are the citations excessively sloppy? Pinpoint cites?