

## **CIVICS FIRST/CBA MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION - NOTES FOR COMPETITORS**

P = Prosecution/Plaintiff: \_\_\_\_\_ D = Defense: \_\_\_\_\_  
(School) (School)

Judge's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Round Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Instructions:**

Please use the following spaces to take notes on the performances and to assist you in your scoring. **Students in attorney roles** should be judged on the basis of their knowledge of the law, court procedure, and grasp of the case. In addition, consider their organization, poise, clarity, and ability to focus your interest. **Students in witness roles** should be judged on the basis of their convincing portrayal of their characters, including consistency with facts in the affidavit, poise, clarity, and ability to focus your interest. Students will be seeing these notes. Your comments are an important learning tool for the students, and we appreciate your efforts to provide them with feedback.

<u><b>ATTORNEYS</b></u>	<u><b>WITNESSES</b></u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Made timely objections and avoided specious objections</li><li>• Demonstrated understanding of legal procedure/reasoning, could "think on feet"</li><li>• Direct examination was well-structured, coherent</li><li>• Controlled witness on cross-examination</li><li>• Articulate and professional in presentation, with minimal use of notes</li><li>• Impeached witnesses to delineate discrepancies between testimony and affidavit</li><li>• Opening statement established theory of the case</li><li>• Closing argument addressed strengths of own case, weaknesses of opponents' case</li><li>• Worked well with other team members</li><li>• Displayed appropriate decorum to team members, judges, and opposing team throughout the round</li><li>• Spoke loudly and clearly enough to be heard, understood</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintained portrayal of character throughout trial, even when not on stand, without relying on notes</li><li>• Showed emotion appropriate to role</li><li>• Avoided impeachment</li><li>• Gave responses that helped team, without inventing material facts on direct examination</li><li>• Responded well to unanticipated questions on cross examination</li><li>• Knew part cold, believable performance</li><li>• Maintained poise during cross examination, did not become inappropriately flustered or uncertain</li><li>• Worked well with other team members</li><li>• Displayed appropriate decorum to team members, judges, and opposing team throughout the round</li><li>• Spoke loudly and clearly enough to be heard, understood</li></ul>

**PL./PROS. OPENING STATEMENT**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFENSE OPENING STATEMENT**

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**PL./PROS. WITNESS #1 CHARACTER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Directing Attorney Notes:</u></b>	<b><u>Witness Notes (Direct):</u></b>
<b><u>Crossing Attorney Notes:</u></b>	<b><u>Witness Notes (Cross)</u></b>

**PL./PROS. WITNESS #2 CHARACTER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Directing Attorney Notes:</u></b>	<b><u>Witness Notes (Direct):</u></b>
<b><u>Crossing Attorney Notes:</u></b>	<b><u>Witness Notes (Cross)</u></b>

**PL./PROS. WITNESS #3 CHARACTER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Directing Attorney Notes:</u></b>	<b><u>Witness Notes (Direct):</u></b>
<b><u>Crossing Attorney Notes:</u></b>	<b><u>Witness Notes (Cross)</u></b>

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**DEFENSE WITNESS #1 CHARACTER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Directing Attorney Notes:</u></b>	<b><u>Witness Notes (Direct):</u></b>
<b><u>Crossing Attorney Notes:</u></b>	<b><u>Witness Notes (Cross)</u></b>

**DEFENSE WITNESS #2 CHARACTER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Directing Attorney Notes:</u></b>	<b><u>Witness Notes (Direct):</u></b>
<b><u>Crossing Attorney Notes:</u></b>	<b><u>Witness Notes (Cross)</u></b>

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PL./PROS. CLOSING ARGUMENT:

DEFENSE CLOSING ARGUMENT:

PL.PROS. REBUTTAL ARGUMENT

*USE THE FOLLOWING SPACE FOR ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO THE TEAMS. SUCH AS HIGHLIGHTS AND AREAS FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS:*

## CIVICS FIRST/CBA MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION - SCORE SHEET

**CRITERIA:** Students are judged upon their knowledge of procedure, the law and facts of the case, in addition to the overall quality of their presentation. For each of the performance categories listed below please rate each individual on a scale of 4 to 10. DO NOT use fractional points

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<b>POOR</b>	<b>FAIR</b>	<b>GOOD</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>	<b>OUTSTANDING</b>
1 to 3	4 or 5	6 or 7	8 or 9	10

## Opening Statements and Prosecution/Plaintiff Case in Chief

<u>SCORE SHEET</u>	<u>P</u>		<u>D</u>
Opening Statement	1.		2.
1 <sup>st</sup> P Attorney: Direct Exam	3.	1 <sup>st</sup> D Attorney: Cross Examination:	4.
1 <sup>st</sup> P Witness: Direct Exam	5.		
1 <sup>st</sup> P Witness: Cross Exam	6.		
2 <sup>nd</sup> P Attorney: Direct Exam	7.	2 <sup>nd</sup> D Attorney: Cross Examination:	8.
2 <sup>nd</sup> P Witness: Direct Exam	9.		
2 <sup>nd</sup> P Witness: Cross Exam	10.		
3 <sup>rd</sup> P Attorney: Direct Exam	11.	3 <sup>rd</sup> D Attorney: Cross Examination:	12.
3 <sup>rd</sup> P Witness: Direct Exam	13.		
3 <sup>rd</sup> P Witness: Cross Exam	14.		

### Point Totals after P Case in Chief

**Prosecution/Plaintiff:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Defense:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Points carried forward from page 1:**

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**Defense:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>1<sup>st</sup> P Attorney: Cross Exam</b>	16.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> D Attorney: Direct Exam</b>	15.
		<b>1<sup>st</sup> D Witness: Direct Exam</b>	17.
		<b>1<sup>st</sup> D Witness: Cross Exam</b>	18.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> P Attorney: Cross Exam</b>	20.	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> D Attorney: Direct Exam:</b>	19.
		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> D Witness: Direct Exam</b>	21.
		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> D Witness: Cross Exam</b>	22.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> P Attorney: Cross Exam</b>	24.	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> D Attorney: Direct Exam</b>	23.
		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> D Witness: Direct Exam</b>	25.
		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> D Witness: Cross Exam</b>	26.
<b>Closing Arguments</b>	27.		28.
<b>PLAINTIFF/PROSECUTION FINAL SCORE</b>		<b>DEFENSE FINAL SCORE</b>	

In the event of a tie between the two teams, and ONLY in the event of a tie, please award a tiebreaker point based on overall impression to determine the winner of the competition. P or D (Circle one)

In my opinion the \_\_\_\_\_ team won this trial.

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