

## XI. SAMPLE FORMS

### Illinois State Bar Association High School Mock Trial Score Sheet

#### JUDGES AND EVALUATORS PLEASE NOTE:

Re-direct, re-cross and Plaintiff Rebuttal in closing are allowed in this program, though are not required.

Plaintiff \_\_\_\_\_ Defense \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale of 1-5, please rate the teams for all categories below, recording a score in each box provided. No fractions please.

**1-Not effective    2-Fair    3-Good    4-Excellent    5-Outstanding**

SCORING CHART		PLAINTIFF/PROSECUTION	DEFENSE/DEFENDANT
Opening Statement			
Plaintiff's 1st Witness	Direct & Redirect Exam by Atty (P)		
	Cross & Recross Exam by Atty (D)		
	Witness Performance (P)		
Plaintiff's 2nd Witness	Direct & Redirect Exam by Atty (P)		
	Cross & Recross Exam by Atty (D)		
	Witness Performance (P)		
Defendant's 1st Witness	Direct & Redirect Exam by Atty (D)		
	Cross & Recross Exam by Atty (P)		
	Witness Performance (D)		
Defendant's 2nd Witness	Direct & Redirect Exam by Atty (D)		
	Cross & Recross Exam by Atty (P)		
	Witness Performance (D)		
Closing Arguments & Plaintiff's Rebuttal			
General Team Presentation			
TOTAL POINTS			

I award this ballot to: \_\_\_\_\_ Prosecution                      \_\_\_\_\_ Defense

Nomination for Outstanding Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ P / D

Nomination for Outstanding Witness \_\_\_\_\_ P / D

Evaluator's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do not show scores to the students, teachers or guests. Please return all completed score sheets to the trial Coordinator at the conclusion of each trial.**

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**ISBA HIGH SCHOOL  
MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM  
JUDGE'S SCORESHEET**

Please indicate the school/ team name for the:

**Petitioner/Plaintiff/Prosecution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Respondent/Defendant/Defense:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the teams using the following scale for overall achievement. Please do NOT use fractional points.

**Points awarded may not exceed 45 for each team.**

**I AWARD THE PETITIONER TEAM \_\_\_\_\_ OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT POINTS.**

**I AWARD THE RESPONDENT TEAM \_\_\_\_\_ OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT POINTS.**

1-9 Not effective

10-18 Fair

19-27 Good

28-36 Excellent

37-45 Outstanding

**I award this ballot to:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Plaintiff Team**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Defense Team**

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Nomination for OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination for OUTSTANDING WITNESS \_\_\_\_\_

**Judge's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you.**

## **Explanation of the Performance Ratings Used on the Presiding Judge and Evaluator Mock Trial Score sheets**

Participants should be rated on a scale of 1-5, with five being the highest level of achievement. Remember, you are NOT scoring on the merits of the case; rather, you are scoring on student achievement, understanding, presentation, conduct, etc. Evaluators may individually consider penalties for violations of the mock trial rules. Penalties may reduce point awards in appropriate categories. Do not indicate separately any penalties you may give.

### **1-9 on Presiding Judge Scoresheet/1 on Evaluator Score sheet - Not Effective/Poor**

Attorneys: Unsure of self, illogical, uninformed, not prepared, speaks incoherently, ineffective presentation of case materials, no strategy evident. Poor speaking voice, no eye contact, excessive use of notes. Questions irrelevant, leading or repetitive.

Witnesses: Witness presentation inadequate; reliance on reminders from lawyers. Witness uncooperative.

### **10-18 on Presiding Judge Scoresheet/2 on Evaluator Score sheet - Fair/Needs Improvement**

Attorneys: Minimally informed and prepared. Performance is passable but lacks depth in terms of knowledge of appropriate tasks and materials. Communications lack clarity and conviction. Exhibits some case strategy. Questions somewhat irrelevant and often misleading. Minimal use or overuse of objections. Only fair response to objections from opposing counsel.

Witnesses: Witness exhibits fair understanding of affidavit and responds appropriately but needs assistance or seems to falter.

### **19-27 on Presiding Judge Scoresheet/3 on Evaluator Score sheet - Good**

Attorneys: Good, solid, but less than spectacular performance. Logic and organization are adequate but could have been better. Grasps major aspects of the case, but does not convey mastery. Communications are clear and understandable, but could be more fluent and persuasive. Deals with objections adequately. Good control of witness. Questions not leading.

Witnesses: Witness exhibits good knowledge of role and tells story in coherent manner. Needs few reminders from lawyers. Good eye contact.

### **28-36 on Presiding Judge Scoresheet/4 on Evaluator Score sheet - Very Good/Excellent**

Attorneys: Fluent, persuasive, clear and understandable. Organizes materials and thoughts well and exhibits mastery of case and materials. Asks suitable questions and follows through with appropriate questions on cross. Evidences a clear case strategy and controls the witnesses very well.

Witnesses: Excellent knowledge of role and good speaking voice. Answers were responsive. Answers questions from both sides appropriately. Believable; does not appear to be too staged.

### **37-45 on Presiding Judge Scoresheet/5 on Evaluator Score sheet - Outstanding**

Attorneys: Superior in qualities listed for Excellent performance. Thinks well on feet, is logical, and keeps poise under duress. Can sort out the essential from the nonessential and use time effectively to accomplish major objectives. Demonstrates the unique ability to utilize all resources to emphasize vital points of the trial.

Witnesses: Exceptional knowledge of roles. Persuasive and believable. Responds effectively to questions from lawyers on both sides. Eye contact. Absolutely believable in role.