

## Arkansas High School Mock Trial Competition Forms

### **Form A: Explanation of Presentation Ratings**

Participants will be rated in the categories on the ballot on a scale of 1-10 (with 10 being the highest) according to their roles in the trial. The Judges are scoring student presentation in each category. The Judges are NOT scoring the legal merits of the case. Each category and each student is to be evaluated separately, and fractional points are not awarded.

While students are asked to wear attire appropriate for court, students should not be evaluated based upon their dress, their jewelry, their hairstyle or any other aspect of their physical appearance. We are proud that students from diverse racial, ethnic, religious and economic backgrounds participate in the Arkansas High School Mock Trial Competition.

Judges will not disclose the score sheet/ballot results to anyone other than the Arkansas Bar Association Mock Trial Committee representative, unless these documents are requested by an officially designated coach. Each judge must sign his or her ballot (or use the assigned judge identification number) before it is delivered to the Arkansas Bar Association Mock Trial Committee representative. Judges shall not announce scores or results to the teams during the critique session.

<b>Points</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Criteria for Evaluation of Student Presentation</b>
1-2	Not Effective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibits lack of preparation/understanding of the case materials.</li> <li>• Communication unclear, disorganized and ineffective.</li> <li>• Unsure of self, does not think well on feet, depends heavily upon notes.</li> </ul>
3-4	Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibits minimal preparation/understanding of the case materials.</li> <li>• Communication minimally clear and organized, but lacking in fluency and persuasiveness.</li> <li>• Minimally self-assured, but lacks confidence under pressure.</li> </ul>
5-6	Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibits adequate preparation/understanding of the case materials.</li> <li>• Communication is clear and organized, but could be stronger in fluency and persuasiveness.</li> <li>• Generally self-assured, reads from notes very little.</li> </ul>
7-8	Excellent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibits mastery of the case materials.</li> <li>• Communication is clear, organized, fluent and persuasive.</li> <li>• Thinks well on feet, poised under pressure, and does not read from notes.</li> </ul>
9-10	Outstanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superior in qualities listed for 7-8 points in presentation.</li> </ul>