

Official Factum Score Sheet

Team #: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	Party (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Appellants <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	Raw Score: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	/100
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Judge's comments:

Instructions:

- Each factum judge shall, in his or her sole discretion, give each factum a raw score out of 100.
- When judging Respondents' factums, factum judges shall take into account the fact that Respondents' counsel have had the opportunity to see and learn from the Appellants' factums.
- Factum judges shall not adjudicate or assess any penalties against factums.
- Completed factum score sheets shall be disclosed to the teams concerned after the competition.

Scoring guide:

- 90-100: outstanding; 80-89: excellent; 75-79: very good; 70-74: good; 60-70: fair; 50-59: poor; 0-49: unacceptable.

Optional Scoring Worksheet

This worksheet identifies various characteristics of effective written advocacy. Judges may use it as a scoring aid. Scores should be based on a holistic assessment; no particular weight is assigned to individual elements.

Element	Judge's notes
<p>Overview. Does this section state clearly and concisely what the case is about and why the party should win; begin to convince the court that ruling for the party will be legally correct and morally right; and provide a clear road map?</p>	
<p>Statement of Facts. Does this section demonstrate that the factual elements necessary for the relief sought are present (or not, as may be the case for the Respondent); tell a story that shows that ruling in the party's favour is the just thing to do; present only the facts relevant to the proceeding; and present them in a logical way that supports a suitably chosen central theme or themes that correspond(s) to the central issue(s) in the appeal?</p>	
<p>Questions in Issue. Does this section state the questions in issue concisely and accurately, and (Respondent only) state concisely the Respondent's position with respect to the Appellant's statement of the questions?</p>	
<p>Argument. Does this section show the court how to reach the result sought by the party; address only the most important issues; present only the strongest arguments, in an order likely to persuade; represent the product of exhaustive legal research; demonstrate a thorough understanding of the relevant issues, rules, principles and policies, their inter-relations and implications; make effective use of relevant authorities; state the applicable law as clearly as practicable and apply it to the pertinent facts; devote more space to more difficult points, less to minor points; exhibit originality and creativity while respecting existing law; avoid over-generalization and undue abstraction; show whether and how the court below went wrong, whether the error is reviewable and on what standard, and the effect of the error; and present a self-contained, affirmative argument even if the party is in a responsive position?</p>	
<p>Order Sought. Does this section state the order sought exactly and concisely, in language that could be inserted directly into the order or judgment?</p>	
<p>General.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the factum scrupulously fair and honest with the facts, authorities, the opponent's case and the weaknesses of the party's own case? Does it avoid overstatement and make effective use of the power of understatement? • Does it effectively capture the "moral high ground" by showing that fairness and justice are on the party's side? • Is it written clearly, concisely, in plain English, using direct and active language where possible, and avoiding superlatives and superfluity? Does it state each point before developing or discussing it ("point-first" writing)? Does it make effective use of headings (e.g. to exhort)? Is it well organized, coherent and logical? Does it make effective use of transitions? Is it free of typographical and grammatical errors? 	

Judge's Name