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CLIENT INTERVIEWING

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CLIENT INTERVIEWING

CLIENT		Working Atmosphere	/10
JUDGE		Description of the problem	/10
DATE & ROOM		Client's Goals and Expectation	/10
TEAM		Problem Analysis	/10
WINNER: MARGIN BETWEEN TEAMS: e.g. + 2 CRITERIA OF KEY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TEAMS:		Moral and Ethical Issues	/10
		Alternative courses of Action	/10
		Client's Informed Choice	/10
		Effective Conclusion	/10
		Teamwork	/10
		Self-Analysis	/10
		TEAM TOTAL	/100

Please mark all criteria, rank teams and remember to emphasise the *difference in points*.

Please identify any key differences between the teams performance in the box provided.

Please return the score sheets directly to the coordinators. A draw is not possible.

Ineffective	Somewhat ineffective	Standard	Effective	Highly effective
0-2	2-4	4-6	6-8	8-10

WORKING ATMOSPHERE Established effective relationship with client? Effective communication techniques?	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM Learned how the client interprets his/her situation? Effectively communicates with the client?
/10	/10

ALLOTMENT OF MARKS & MARGINS

An average speaker will receive a mark of 70. This mark comes from:

- Working atmosphere – 7/10
- Description of the problem – 7/10
- Client’s goals and expectations – 7/10
- Problem analysis – 7/10
- Moral and ethical issues – 7/10
- Alternative courses of action – 7/10
- Client’s informed choice – 7/10
- Effective conclusion – 7/10
- Teamwork – 7/10
- Self-analysis – 7/10

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Margins

1-4

A close win

5-9

A clear win

10+

An overwhelming win

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1

Working Atmosphere

- The team establishes an effective relationship with the client through effective communication
- Effective communication involves: Clear and eloquent expression, clarity, confidence, and brevity
- Positive body language i.e. sitting up straight, smiling, using pleasantries to open and close the client interview, having a pleasant manner
- Active listening and an earnest and progressive conversation is encouraged, creating a receptive working atmosphere

2

Description of the Problem

- Through concisely worded and clearly expressed questions the team is able to learn how the client interprets their situation, and considers the influence of potential bias
- The team effectively communicates with the client to best gather a clear description of the legal problem

3

Client's Goals and Expectations:

- The team has learned the client's initial goals and expectations through carefully formulated prompts/questions, and grasps the client's perspective
- Clear, succinct questions advance interview productively, highlighting character and attitude of the client
- Engages with the client and the client's answers

4

Problem Analysis:

- Analysed the client's problems through simple and straightforward questions and prompting
- Avoids irrelevant questions
- Shows understanding of the legal elements of the issue

5

Moral and Ethical Issues:

- If present, the team has recognised and dealt with moral and ethical issues in a non-inflammatory and unbiased manner
- The team is considerate of the client's perspective on these issues and does not allow personal bias to interfere

6

Alternative Courses of Action

- Developed alternative solutions and considered all avenues of possibility
- Team shows high levels of flexibility in regards to potential courses of action

7

Client's Informed Choice:

- Assisted client in understanding and making informed choices among possible courses of action by explaining them simply and clearly to the client
- Provides client with all relevant courses of action moving forward

8

Effective Conclusion:

- Effectively concluded the interview at an appropriate time, without exceeding the time limit
- Logical structure of conclusion and clear, concise closing words with the client

9

Teamwork:

- There is an even balance of participation amongst the team members
- Smooth cooperation within the team, building on each other's words without overwhelming the client
- No internal conflicts or hostility

10

Self Analysis:

- Team members are reflective and able to identify the strengths and weaknesses both of their individual performance and the team as a collective
- Are able to learn from their experience and use it to structure the missives better in the future

NEGOTIATIONS

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NEGOTIATIONS

JUDGE		Negotiation Planning	/10
PARTY REPRESENTED		Adaptability	/10
DATE & ROOM		Session Outcome	/10
TEAM MEMBERS		Relationship between teams	/10
WINNER: MARGIN BETWEEN TEAMS: e.g. + 2 CRITERIA OF KEY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TEAMS:		Exploration of Interests	/10
		Creativity of Options	/10
		Teamwork	/10
		Negotiation Ethics	/10
		Communication	/10
		Self-Analysis	/10
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/10	/10



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ALLOTMENT OF MARKS & MARGINS

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- Negotiation Planning: 7/10
- Adaptability: 7/10
- Session Outcome: 7/10
- Relationship between teams: 7/10
- Exploration of Interests: 7/10
- Creativity of Options: 7/10
- Teamwork: 7/10
- Negotiation Ethics: 7/10
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1

Negotiation Planning:

- The negotiation is thoroughly planned out with effective preparation and its documents.
- The team has a consistent and well-thought-out logic on its main points of negotiation.
- Shows understanding of its own secret facts and well prepared for negotiating opponent's requirements as well in the parameter of the problem question.

2

Adaptability:

- Demonstrated strong flexibility on the asks of opponent team and adapt its own secret facts to achieve a mutual agreement.
- Quick realisation of opponent team's objective and develop a clear track of thoughts to achieve a reasonable outcome without hurting the client's interest.
- Strategic use of tactical break to the team's advantage.

3

Session Outcome:

- Successfully addressed a large majority of clients' needs and reached a fair resolution.
- Within the parameter of the context, the team did not give away key client interest and strategically traded minor interests for the greater settlement of this negotiation.

4

Relationship between teams:

- Both teams engaged in a respectful and professional manner.
- Able to put client interest first rather than personal emotions .
- Both teams act in good faith and establish a good working rapport.

5

Exploration of Interests:

- Identify Key Interests of the Client
- Effective categorisation of essential-interests and non-essential interest
- Explore the parameters of how far can non-essential interest be given up in the expense of reaching an agreement of an essential-interest.

6

Creativity of Options:

- Demonstrated initiative, creativity and problem solving when an agreement cannot be made out.
- Alternative compensation methods and reasonable addition/ improvisation on the original problem question is permitted to a reasonable degree.

7

Teamwork:

- There's an even balance of participation amongst the team members
- Smooth cooperation within the team, building on each other's words without reiterating points communicated through to the opponents
- No internal conflicts, hostility or actions affecting the overall harmony.

8

Negotiation Ethics:

- Teams competed ethically against each other without using tricks to gain an unfair advantage over another team.
- All facts are presented correctly without any misinformation that may help a team gain advantage.

9

Communication:

- Articulate clear points on behalf of their client to the opponent team
- Uses professional language and avoids using laymen language
- Communicates confidently with minimal usage of language such as "like" or "uh."

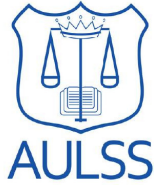
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Self-Analysis:

- Team members are reflective and able to identify the strengths and weakness both of their individual performance and the team as a collective
- Are able to learn from their experience and use it to structure the missives better in the future.
- Critically analyse how they did or didn't achieve client's objective and what can be done in the future to obtain a better outcome.

MOOTING

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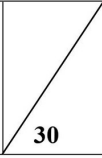

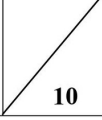


JUDGE(S)		NAME(S)
CASE		
DATE AND COURT		
COUNSEL FOR THE APPELLANT/RESPONDENT (CIRCLE ONE)	SENIOR COUNSEL JUNIOR COUNSEL (CIRCLE ONE)	NAME
RANKING IN ROOM	1 2 3 4 (CIRCLE ONE)	
MARGIN (TO CLOSEST COMPETITOR)	Organisation of Presentation	/10
	Development of Argument	/25
	Questions from the Bench	/30
	Manner and Expression	/25
	Written Submissions	/10
	TOTAL	/100

Please mark all the criteria. A draw between competitors is not possible. Please allow competitors to see their rankings and their scores but **do not allow them to take the score sheet away**.

Poor	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Excellent	Outstanding
0 - 30	31 - 50	51 - 70	71 - 80	81 - 100

ORGANISATION OF PRESENTATION Factors: logical organisation and structure; concise overview of submissions and conclusion; appropriate attention and weight given to some arguments over others; flexibility despite being taken off topic.	 10
DEVELOPMENT OF ARGUMENT Factors: understanding of the law and issues; logical, persuasive arguments; pinpoint citation of authorities; appropriate use of policy arguments; addresses opposing arguments in advance (appellant) or consequentially (respondent).	 25

<p>QUESTIONS FROM THE BENCH</p> <p>Factors: prepared for questions that can be anticipated; clear, concise and direct responses; engagement with the court’s views; composure and courtesy despite challenges to arguments; effective integration of responses with arguments; adept treatment of irrelevant questions; ability to deal with difficult and obscure questions.</p>	 30
<p>MANNER AND EXPRESSION</p> <p>Factors: engages with the court; projects voice; articulates submissions with eloquence; use of clear and simple language; displays confidence without arrogance; eye-contact with all members of the bench; courteous and formal; correct citation; appropriate use of courtroom formalities; consistent style and manner.</p>	 25
<p>WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS</p> <p>Factors: coverage of all issues raised in the case; well structured; clear, concise and reasoned expression; supported by authorities with pinpoint citations; free from grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors; consistent with oral submissions.</p>	 10

ALLOTMENT OF MARKS & MARGINS

An average speaker will receive a mark of 70. This mark comes from:

- Organisation of Presentation: (7/10)
- Development of Argument: (17.5/25)
- Questions from the Bench: (21/30)
- Manner and Expression: (17.5/25)
- Written Submissions: (7/10)

These scores will vary dependant on which areas are the competitor's strengths and weaknesses.

The competitor's overall score should reflect the following ranges:

- Poor: 0 - 30
- Unsatisfactory: 31 - 50
- Satisfactory: 51 - 70
- Excellent: 71 - 80
- Outstanding: 81 - 100

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1

Organisation of Presentation:

Factors:

1. Logical organisation and structure;
2. Concise overview of submissions and conclusion;
3. Appropriate attention and weight given to some arguments over others; and
4. Flexibility despite being taken off topic.

Scores in this category should reflect the following ranges:

Poor 0 – 3 out of 10

Unsatisfactory 3.1 – 5.0 out of 10

Satisfactory 5.1 – 7.0 out of 10

Excellent 7.1 – 8.0 out of 10

Outstanding 8.1 – 10.0 out of 10

2

Development of Argument:

Factors:

1. Understanding of the law and issues;
2. Logical, persuasive arguments; pinpoint citation of authorities;
3. Appropriate use of policy arguments; and
4. Addresses opposing arguments at a logical point in their speech.

Scores in this category should reflect the following ranges:

Poor 0 – 7.5 out of 25

Unsatisfactory 7.75 – 12.5 out of 25

Satisfactory 12.75 – 17.5 out of 25

Excellent 17.75 – 20 out of 25

Outstanding 20.25 – 25.0 out of 25

Note: *Policy arguments* refers to an argument regarding how a particular decision will affect particular stakeholders. It may refer to how it promotes or degrades social cohesion or social progress. If a competitor exemplifies this factor, they have demonstrated awareness of the potential broader impacts of the potential decisions and successfully used them to support their argument.

3

Questions from the Bench:

Factors:

- 1.Prepared for questions that a competitor at the same skill level can anticipate;
- 2.Clear, concise and direct responses;
- 3.Competitors are able to adapt their argument to the viewpoint of the court. This includes not proceeding with an argument when the court has made it clear that they disagree.
- 4.Composure and courtesy despite challenges to arguments;
- 5.Effective integration of responses with arguments;
- 6.Competitor has answered the question, but avoids providing a tangential or excessively long answer. ; and
- 7.Ability to deal with difficult and obscure questions.

Scores in this category should reflect the following ranges:

Poor 0 – 9 out of 30

Unsatisfactory 9.3 – 15 out of 30

Satisfactory 15.3 – 21 out of 30

Excellent 21.3 – 24 out of 30

Outstanding 24.3 – 30.0 out of 30

4

Manner and Expression:

Factors:

- 1.Competitor does not stick to a pre-written script. A successful competitor should also be able to treat their argument like a conversation with the judge;
- 2.Projects voice;
- 3.Articulates submissions with eloquence;
- 4.Use of clear and simple language;
- 5.Displays confidence without arrogance;
- 6.Eye-contact with all members of the bench;
- 7.Courteous and formal;
- 8.Strict compliance with the Australian Guide to Legal Citation format (Edition 4);
- 9.Appropriate use of courtroom formalities; and
- 10.Consistent style and manner.

Scores in this category should reflect the following ranges:

Poor 0 – 7.5 out of 25

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Outstanding 20.25 – 25.0 out of 25

5

Written Submissions:

Factors:

1. Coverage of all issues raised in the case;
2. Well structured;
3. Clear, concise and reasoned expression;
4. Supported by authorities with pinpoint citations;
5. Free from grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors;
and
6. Consistent with oral submissions.

Scores in this category should reflect the following ranges:

Poor 0 – 3 out of 10

Unsatisfactory 3.1 – 5.0 out of 10

Satisfactory 5.1 – 7.0 out of 10

Excellent 7.1 – 8.0 out of 10

Outstanding 8.1 – 10.0 out of 10

All pages must be:	Penalty
A maximum of three pages of argument.	2 marks per page over the limit
An additional one-page for the list of authorities.	2 marks if authorities are omitted
A4 sized; Times New Roman, 12-point font; Margins of no less than 2 cm on each side	1 mark per contravention, Maximum of 3 marks.
All citations must be compliant with the most recent edition of the Australian Guide to Legal Citation Teams must not use footnotes in their written memorandum of argument.	If a competitor references authority in the moot not cited within their team's list of authorities the Competition Coordinator may, in his or her absolute discretion, impose a penalty of two marks to the Competitor's points total.
Speaking times of both Competitors included	2 mark penalty if omitted
Submitted by 5:00pm two days preceding the date of the round.	2 marks for every 10 minutes after the deadline (or part thereof), Maximum of 10 marks.

Note 1: Where a penalty is levied against a team's cumulative points total, the penalty will be divided equally amongst the Competitors for that team.

Note 2: Judges will score without taking into account the penalty. They must remove the points after the final score is calculated.

WITNESS EXAMINATION

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WITNESS EXAMINATION

CASE	
JUDGE	
DATE & ROOM	
COUNSEL For Prosecution/Defence (circle one)	

WINNER:

**MARGIN BETWEEN
COMPETITORS:** e.g. + 2

CRITERIA OF KEY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
COMPETITORS:

Opening Address or Closing Address	(please circle)	/10
Examination in Chief or Cross Examination	(please circle)	/25
Manner and Expression		/20
Case Theory		/10
COMPETITOR TOTAL		/65

Please mark criteria for individual competitors and remember the emphasis is on the
difference in points. A draw is not possible.

Please ensure that low-quality case theory and arguments are reflected in the resulting scores.

Ineffective	Somewhat ineffective	Standard	Effective	Highly effective
0-20%	20 - 40%	40 – 60%	60 – 80%	80 – 100%

OPENING ADDRESS

Factors: clear expression; clarity; confidence; brevity; identification of issues and their significance; encapsulates case theory; draws on oral evidence to further case theory and arguments.

/10

CLOSING ADDRESS

Factors: logical structure; clear expression; clarity; confidence; brevity; identification of issues and their significance; encapsulates case theory; draws on oral evidence to further case theory and arguments.

/10

<p>EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF Factors: clear, succinct questions; advances own case; highlights character and attitude of witness; engages with witness and witness' answers; shows understanding of the elements of the charge</p>	/25
<p>CROSS-EXAMINATION Factors: clear, succinct, leading questions; advances own case; probes character and attitude of witness; engages with witness and witness' answers (including from examination-in-chief); avoids objectionable questions</p>	/25
<p>CASE THEORY Factors: appropriateness of case theory to the facts; potential to improve case theory; effectiveness in eliciting evidence to support case theory; simplicity and logic of case theory.</p>	/10
<p>MANNER AND EXPRESSION Factors: engages with the court; projects voice; articulates submissions with eloquence; consistent style and manner; deals with interventions with ease and concision; objects where appropriate; uses inference where appropriate; demonstrates sophisticated understanding of Evidence law (statute and common law).</p>	/20

ALLOTMENT OF MARKS & MARGINS

An average speaker will receive a mark of 40. This mark comes from:

- Opening OR Closing Address 6/ 10
- Examination in Chief OR Cross Examination 15/25
- Manner and Expression 13/20
- Case Theory 6/10

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Opening or Closing Address:

- The competitor presents their opening address with both confidence and brevity. They correctly and clearly identify issues and discuss their significance.
- Through their opening address, they encapsulate case theory and draw on oral evidence to further case theory and arguments.

2

Examination in Chief or Cross-Examination:

- The competitor engages with the witness in a clear and respectful manner. This involves asking succinct and leading questions used to advance their case, highlighting the character and attitude of the witness.
- The competitor should engage with the witness and their answers while demonstrating an understanding of the elements of the charge. Competitors should avoid objectionable questions.

3

Manner and Expression:

- The competitor engages in conversation with the court, establishing an effective relationship with the witness.
- An effective relationship is demonstrated through clear and eloquent communication. The competitor should show this with a consistent style and manner throughout their submissions.
- The competitor deals with interventions with ease and concision, ensuring to object and interfere only when appropriate.
- There is a demonstration of a sophisticated understanding of Evidence law (statute and common law) consistently throughout each submission.

4

Case Theory:

The competitor should regularly cite case theory, while understanding:

- the appropriateness of case theory to the facts;
- the potential to improve case theory;
- the effectiveness in eliciting evidence to support case theory; and
- the simplicity and logic of case theory.

