

Rubric for Attorneys

CATEGORY	4 - Above Standards	3 - Meets Standards	2 - Approaching Standard	1 - Below Standards	Score
Opening Statement	The opening statement provides a clear, strong statement of the attorney's position on the topic.	The opening statement provides a clear statement of the attorney's position on the topic.	A opening statement is present, but does not make the attorney's position clear.	There is no opening statement.	
Evidence and Examples from the book	All of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the attorney's position.	Most of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the attorney's position.	At least one of the pieces of evidence and examples is relevant and has an explanation that shows how that piece of evidence supports the attorney's position.	Evidence and examples are NOT relevant AND/OR are not explained.	
Accuracy	All supportive facts and statistics are reported accurately.	Almost all supportive facts and statistics are reported accurately.	Most supportive facts and statistics are reported accurately.	Most supportive facts and statistics were inaccurately reported.	
Group Behavior	Attorney works effectively with group members and consistently stays on task.	Attorney works with other group members but needs reminders to stay on task.	Attorney requires the intervention of the teacher but was able to complete the task.	Attorney did not work cooperatively with others. The task was rushed to completion.	
Closing Argument	The closing argument is strong and leaves the audience solidly understanding the attorney's position. Effective restatement of the position statement begins the closing paragraph.	The closing argument is recognizable. The attorney's position is restated within the first two sentences of the closing paragraph.	The attorney's position is restated within the closing paragraph, but not near the beginning.	There is no closing argument.	
Conventions (spelling, capitalization, punctuation,	Attorney makes no errors in what is written and is easy to follow.	Attorney makes 1-2 errors in what is written, but the essay is still easy	Attorney makes a few errors in what is written that catch the reader's	Attorney makes several errors that catch the reader's attention and	

sentence structure and grammar)		to read	attention and interrupt the flow.	interrupt the flow.	
Mock Trial	Attorney uses strong voice and appropriate emotion consistently throughout the presentation.	Attorney uses strong voice and appropriate emotion occasionally during the presentation.	Attorney rarely uses strong voice and appropriate emotion during the presentation.	Attorney does not use strong voice or appropriate emotion during the presentation.	