



THE 80TH ANNUAL
WILLIAM MINOR LILE MOOT COURT COMPETITION
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW

WRITTEN BRIEF SCORESHEET

9-10 = *Superior*. The advocate's brief could be used to train other law students and attorneys.

7-8 = *Very Good*. Solid work; above average for UVA.

5-6 = *Good*. **MOST UVA STUDENTS FALL IN THIS RANGE**

3-4 = *Below Average*. Some work needed in this area to bring the brief up to UVA average.

1-2 = *Poor*. Needs significant work.

	<u>Score</u>
Basic brief mechanics	_____
▪ Contains all necessary sections?	
▪ Neatly and professionally presented?	
▪ Conforms to style template?	
Knowledge of facts & directly applicable legal principles	_____
▪ Fairly and accurately discussed <i>all</i> relevant facts?	
▪ Identified appropriate legal arguments for those facts?	
Proper and articulate analysis of the issues	_____
▪ Applied the legal principles to the facts?	
▪ Drew the appropriate conclusions?	
Use of authorities	_____
▪ Appropriate use of citation (not irrelevant or excessive)?	
▪ Cognizant of binding versus persuasive precedent?	
▪ Cited authorities hold as indicated?	
Logic and reasoning	_____
▪ Logically and rationally reasoned?	
Clarity and organization	_____
▪ Structured to produce a clear and organized argument?	
Persuasiveness	_____
▪ Argument persuasively advocates its position?	
Correctness of format and citations	_____
▪ Arguments used appropriate legal terms and citation?	
Spelling, grammar and style	_____
▪ Any errors?	
Thoroughness	_____
▪ Thoroughly discussed relevant issues?	
▪ Length of brief (# of pages) is appropriate and adequate?	

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TOTAL = _____

JUDGE COMMENT SHEET

What I liked about the brief:

What I didn't like about the brief:

My suggestions for improving the brief:

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