



Brief Scoring Rubric

**Eighth Annual
Ellen A. (Nell) Hennessy
Employee Benefits
Moot Court Competition**



Thank you for your participation in the Eighth Annual Ellen A. (Nell) Hennessy Employee Benefits Moot Court Competition. Below is the scoring rubric for the brief component of the Competition. Please complete one of these scoring rubrics for each brief you review.

You have been provided with the Competition materials, including the Competition Problem. Please review the Problem before reviewing and scoring any Competition briefs. Please direct questions regarding the scoring criteria, the Competition Problem, or anything else to Vice Chancellor of the Competition Olivia Walz at wolz@cua.edu.

Judge:	Team Number:
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	Category	Possible Points	Points Awarded
1	Cover Page <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover page is present and complies with formatting requirements 	2	
2	Table of Contents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table of contents is present and complies with formatting requirements 	2	
3	Table of Authorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table of authorities is present and complies with formatting requirements 	2	
4	Statement of Issues Presented for Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of issues succinctly and correctly sets for issues for review 	5	
5	Statement of the Case <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of the case sets out the facts relevant to the issues submitted for review; • Describes the relevant procedural history; • Identifies the rulings presented for review with appropriate references to the record; • Does not include legal arguments or conclusions 	10	
6	Summary of Argument <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the argument contains a succinct, clear, and accurate statement of the arguments made in the body of the brief; • Does not merely repeat the argument headings 	10	

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7	Argument Structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The argument section is organized logically and persuasively; Headings are used effectively to clearly state the arguments being presented and a conclusion that the Court may accept or reject; Rules and rule explanations are stated separately from and before the analysis; A theme is conveyed throughout the arguments 	15	
8	Issue Recognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant legal issues are identified and addressed; Opponent's valid counter arguments and authorities are anticipated and rebutted using affirmative arguments 	15	
9	Persuasiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arguments are clear, persuasive, and adequately supported by authority; Facts from discussed cases are used effectively; Compelling use of language and writing techniques 	15	
10	Use of Authority and Proper Citations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Argument properly and persuasively cites to legal and other authority; Legal citations comply with the Bluebook; Brief uses appropriate and accurate citations to the record; 	15	
11	Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conclusion is present and succinctly and persuasively sets forth relief sought 	2	
12	Brief Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief certificate was submitted with brief and complies with requirements 	2	
13	Compliance with Formatting Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-inch margins; double-spaced except for block quotes and footnotes; Submitted in pdf format, on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper, and is text-searchable; Proper ordering of brief sections; Use of serif font of at least 14-point size or use of monospaced font with no more than 10 ½ characters per inch 	5	
Total		100	

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