

# MIDDLE SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL SCORE SHEET

Each side has 11 roles, and you will award each role below with a score from 1 to 10 (*no fractional points or ranges allowed for any one score.*) Therefore, each side will be awarded a total possible score ranging from 11 to 110. The scoring guidelines and rubric are on the back.

Team \_\_\_\_\_ (prosecution) vs. Team \_\_\_\_\_ (defense)      Round (circle one): 1 2 3 Semifinals or Finals

<b>PROSECUTION ROSTER</b>		<b>DEFENSE ROSTER</b>	
POSITION	SCORE	POSITION	SCORE
<b>Opening Statement</b> Attorney Name:		<b>Opening Statement</b> Attorney Name:	
<b>Prosecution Witness #1: Character:</b> Student's Name:		<b>Cross Examination of Prosecution Witness #1</b> Character Name:	
<b>Direct Examination of Prosecution Witness #1</b> Attorney Name:		Attorney Name:	
<b>Prosecution Witness #2: Character:</b> Student's Name:		<b>Cross Examination of Prosecution Witness #2</b> Character Name:	
<b>Direct Examination of Prosecution Witness #2</b> Attorney Name:		Attorney Name:	
<b>Prosecution Witness #3: Character:</b> Student's Name:		<b>Cross Examination of Prosecution Witness #3</b> Character Name:	
<b>Direct Examination of Prosecution Witness #3</b> Attorney Name:		Attorney Name:	
<b>Cross Examination of Defense Witness #1</b> Character Name:		<b>Defense Witness #1: Character:</b> Student's Name:	
Attorney Name:		<b>Direct Examination of Defense Witness #1</b> Attorney Name:	
<b>Cross Examination of Defense Witness #2</b> Character Name:		<b>Defense Witness #2: Character:</b> Student's Name:	
Attorney Name:		<b>Direct Examination of Defense Witness #2</b> Attorney Name:	
<b>Cross Examination of Defense Witness #3</b> Character Name:		<b>Defense Witness #3: Character:</b> Student's Name:	
Attorney Name:		<b>Direct Examination of Defense Witness #3</b> Attorney Name:	
<b>Closing Argument</b> Attorney Name:		<b>Closing Argument</b> Attorney Name:	
<b>Bailiff:</b>			
<b>Timekeeper:</b>		<b>Timekeeper:</b>	
<b>TOTAL PROSECUTION SCORE</b>		<b>TOTAL DEFENSE SCORE</b>	

**Best Prosecution Attorney:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Best Defense Attorney:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Prosecution Witness:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Best Defense Witness:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Scoring Guidelines**

**Opening Statement:** Presents general outline of the party's case without being argumentative.

**Direct Examination:** Attorney uses properly phrased questions; uses proper courtroom procedure; demonstrates understanding of crucial facts, issues, and law.

**Cross Examination:** Attorney is effective on cross; properly impeached witness, if appropriate; asks appropriate questions.

**Witness Performance:** Witness is credible, demonstrates understanding of facts, sounds spontaneous, not memorized; poised and follows courtroom decorum.

**Closing Argument:** Convincingly addresses important issues that are relevant to the facts in the law that were brought out during the trial.

## **Scoring Rubric**

For each role, award a number from 1 to 10. Do not award fractional points or a range.

### **1-2 Not Effective**

Unsure, illogical, uninformed, speaks incoherently. Reads directly from notes.

### **3-4 Fair**

Minimally informed and prepared. Communication lacks clarity and conviction. Depends on notes.

### **5-6 Good**

Good, solid performance. Grasps major aspects of case, but does not convey mastery of it. Basic understanding of evidence. Occasionally uses notes.

### **7-8 Excellent**

Fluent, persuasive, clear, & understandable. Organizes materials and thoughts well. Better than average handling of evidence. Is not note-dependent.

### **9-10 Outstanding**

Superior grasp of case. Thinks well on feet, is logical, and keeps poised under duress. Demonstrates the unique ability to utilize all resources in order to emphasize vital points of trial. Effective use of time. Effective use of evidentiary materials; correct objections. Is not note-dependent.