

**DEAN'S CUP COMPETITION  
ORAL ARGUMENT SCORESHEET**

<b>Judge Name:</b>	<b>Round:</b>
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<b>Petitioner:</b>	<b>Respondent:</b>
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PERFORMANCE CATEGORIES	SCORING GUIDE	Petitioner Score	Respondent Score
<b>Knowledge of the Law (worth 10 to 30 points)</b> Makes clear, accurate statements of rules of law; appropriately applies law to the facts of the case; knows basic facts and holdings of cases cited; presents the strongest legal arguments; distinguishes unfavorable authorities.	Weak: 10 to 14 Fair: 15 to 19 Average: 20 to 24 Good: 25 to 27 Excellent: 28 to 30	/30  (Min Score: 10)	/30  (Min Score: 10)
<b>Knowledge of the Facts (worth 10 to 20 points)</b> Knows the nuances of the facts of the case; fairly and accurately interprets the facts; makes compelling policy arguments.	Weak: 10 to 12 Fair: 13 to 14 Average: 15 to 16 Good: 17 to 28 Excellent: 19 to 20	/20  (Min Score: 10)	/20  (Min Score: 10)
<b>Questions &amp; Answers (worth 10 to 20 points)</b> Displays ingenuity and ability answering questions; welcomes questions from judges; directly answers the actual questions asked; makes strategic concessions as appropriate; seamlessly ties Q&A into argument.	Weak: 10 to 12 Fair: 13 to 14 Average: 15 to 16 Good: 17 to 28 Excellent: 19 to 20	/20  (Min Score: 10)	/20  (Min Score: 10)
<b>Courtroom Manner (worth 10 to 20 points)</b> Conveys formality, respect, and professionalism; has good posture, expressions, and gestures; maintains consistent eye contact with all judges; comes across as engaged and conversational.	Weak: 10 to 12 Fair: 13 to 14 Average: 15 to 16 Good: 17 to 28 Excellent: 19 to 20	/20  (Min Score: 10)	/20  (Min Score: 10)
<b>Organization and Time Management (worth 1 to 10 points)</b> Clearly presents and follows a logical roadmap; spends sufficient time on each principal issue; maintains effective tempo.	Weak: 1 to 3 Fair: 4 to 5 Average: 6-7 Good: 8 to 9 Excellent: 10	/10  (Min Score: 1)	/10  (Min Score: 1)
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>  <i>(Note: Each judge must select a winner. Ties are not permitted.)</i>			

*Judge's Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

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Judges are strongly encouraged to provide comprehensive written feedback for each oralist. Please take the time to provide general advice that will help competitors improve specific aspects of their performances. Write the name of each oralist to whom you will provide written comments, then provide your constructive advice in the adjacent "Written Feedback" boxes.

*Please do not provide substantive legal feedback.*

<b>ORALIST</b>	<b>WRITTEN FEEDBACK</b>
<b>Petitioner</b>  Name:	
<b>Respondent</b>  Name:	