APPENDIX C: ORAL ARGUMENT JUDGING FORM

TEAM: _____________________________________

SIDE (circle one): Appellee (Red) or Appellant (Blue)

PERSUASIVENESS

Best facts and interpretation of law are presented.  
Argument and positions are clearly explained. Takes advantage of spoken word to hold audience attention, illustrate winning position, and refute opponent.  

ORGANIZATION

Provides outline of arguments and points to be made.  
Transitions clearly between issues and returns to positions following questions. Reasonably fills allotted speaking time while proportionally moving through arguments.  

RESPONSIVENESS

Gives persuasive answers to judge’s questions. Answers the question asked and does not evade. Has rapport with and is courteous to judges.  

PRESENTATION

Manner—including stance, gestures, eye contact, tone of voice, enunciation, and speaking speed—is understandable and not distracting. Maintains composure and professional demeanor, even while arguing with zeal.  

TOTAL

Total scores outside the range of 70–95 must be accompanied by written feedback as to the reason of the high or low score. This important feedback will be passed on to the students. If your score is below 70 or above 95 and no feedback is provided, your score will be adjusted to either 70 or 95.