MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

SCORE SHEET 2025

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**NOTICE OF APPEARANCE**

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| Name of Case: | | v \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Prosecution/Plaintiff (**P**) | | Defence/Defendant (**D**) |
| School: |  | School: |
| 1st Barrister: |  | 1st Barrister: |
| 2nd Barrister: |  | 2nd Barrister: |
| Solicitor: |  | Solicitor: |
| 1st Witness: |  | 1st Witness: |
| 2nd Witness: |  | 2nd Witness: |
| Magistrate’s Clerk: |  | Court Officer: |

WINNER:

SCORES:  **/**

Winner’s Score Runner-up’s Score

MAGISTRATE/JUDGE: SIGNATURE:

COMMENTS:

**DRAWS AND HALF-POINTS ARE NOT ALLOWED**

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| **BARRISTERS** | **P** | **D** |  | **MAGISTRATE'S CLERK** | **P** | **D** |
| **Opening Addresses – 1st Barristers** | | |  | Calling of case, delivery of statements, timing and ringing of bell (where required), recording of objections |  |  |
| Appropriate summary of facts |  |  | **COURT OFFICER** | | | |
| Clear and concise introduction to the case, including overview of the charge(s)/claim, the evidence to be given and the issue(s) in dispute |  |  |
| Clarity of expression and voice, poise and confidence |  |  |  | Opening/closing of court, calling/swearing in of witnesses, showing of documents |  |  |
| **TEAM** | | | | | | |
| **Closing Submissions – 2nd Barristers** | | |  | Professional & ethical presentation and demeanour,  politeness & respect for others, engaging in the spirit of the competition |  |  |
| Accurate and concise summary of evidence and issues of fact |  |  | **SCORES** | | | |
| Appropriate submissions on issues of law and legal authorities |  |  |  | **Page 2** *(this page)* |  |  |
| Persuasion, logical structure, clarity of expression and voice, poise and confidence |  |  | **Page 3** |  |  |
| **SOLICITORS** | | | | **Page 4** |  |  |
| **Page 5** |  |  |
| **Page 6** |  |  |
| Quality of pre-trial notes |  |  |  | **TOTAL** |  |  |
| Participation in proceedings |  |  | **Tie Breaker** *(if required) (1 point)* |  |  |
|  | | | | **GRAND TOTAL**  *(Transfer to page 1)* |  |  |

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| **1ST BARRISTER PROSECUTION** |  |  |  | **1ST WITNESS PROSECUTION** |  |  |  | **1ST BARRISTER DEFENCE** |  |
| **Examination-In-Chief** | **P** |  |  | **Examination-In-Chief** | **P** |  |  | **Examination-In-Chief** | **D** |
| Proper questioning and introduction of evidence according to rules of evidence |  |  |  | Full and accurate recital of contents of statement in order given |  |  |  | Making/not making relevant objections, showing an understanding of the grounds  Clarity of expression and voice, poise and confidence |  |
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| **Total for 1st Barrister Prosecution** |  |  |  | **Total for 1st Witness Prosecution** |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **2ND BARRISTER PROSECUTION** |  |  |  | **2ND WITNESS PROSECUTION** |  |  |  | **2ND BARRISTER DEFENCE** |  |
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