

## **OUTLINE OF ORAL ARGUMENT CRITIQUE**

**(For students who did not argue orally before the Court, you'll need to be taking notes during the oral arguments in order to fully develop this critique)**

**Total Points – 25**

**I. General Overview of the case (2 POINTS)**

- Basic background facts
- Constitutional question argued

**II. The Petitioner's Case (5 POINTS)**

- Who is arguing the case?
- Strongest point in written brief
- Types of questions asked by justices during argument
- How were the questions answered?
- Strongest arguments made during oral arguments.

**III. The Respondent's Case (5 POINTS)**

- Who is arguing the case?
- Strongest point in written brief
- Types of questions asked by justices during argument
- How were the questions answered?
- Strongest arguments made during oral arguments.

**IV. Your Analysis (13 POINTS)**

- Your analysis of how the justices voted.
- How would you vote if you were a justice on this case?
- What have you learned about the Constitutional issue argued?
- What have you learned about how to improve your own arguments on the cases you will prepare or have prepared?
- Suggestions to the teams for improvement in their case preparation

**THIS IS DUE THE TUESDAY AFTER ORAL ARGUMENTS. PLEASE EMAIL YOUR COPY TO ME SO THAT I CAN PRINT TWO COPIES. I WILL KEEP ONE AND THE OTHER TWO WILL BE GIVEN TO THE TEAMS PARTICIPATING IN THE CASE.**