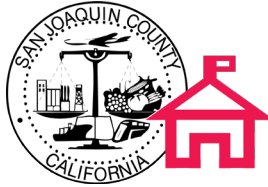


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San Joaquin County Mock Trial

Journalism Contest Judging Score Sheet

Judge Name: _____ Entry #: _____

Did the reporter:

1. Find the most newsworthy developments that occurred during the portion of the trial on which she/he was reporting? (40%) - Score 0 to 5 _____
2. Strive for fairness and accuracy? (15%) - Score 0 to 3 _____
3. Present the story in clear, concise language? (10%) - Score 0 to 3 _____
4. Develop a simple, easy-to-understand lead paragraph? (5%) - Score 0 to 2 _____
5. Properly structure the story with the most important elements early in the article? (5%) - Score 0 to 2 _____
6. Understand the legal procedures and rulings that were used in the judicial process? (5%) - Score 0 to 2 _____
7. Show the background on the basic elements of the case? (who, what, where, when, why, and how)? (5%) - Score 0 to 2 _____
8. Make the essay interesting by using direct quotes from testimony or descriptions of the courtroom scene, participants or their behavior? (5%) - Score 0 to 2 _____
9. Spell words and names correctly? (5%) - Score 0 to 2 _____
10. Use correct grammar? (5%) - Score 0 to 2 _____

TOTAL _____
(25 point maximum)