

UTS LSS Corrs Chambers Westgarth Witness Examination Score Sheet

Counsel for the:

Date:

Time:

Judge:

	Criteria	Comments	Score
Opening Statement (2 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced a clear case theory • Created a logical and persuasive narrative • Key legal issues identified: relevant elements to be proved • Introduced evidence to be adduced • No exaggeration or histrionics 		/10
Examination in Chief (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adduced evidence in a logical sequence • Demonstrated awareness of case strengths and weaknesses to support case theory • Demonstrated control of the witness: directed witness's attention to relevant facts • Avoided leading questions and commenting on answers • Clarity in expression 		/20
Cross Examination (15 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear and succinct questions • Adduced evidence to advance own case • Avoiding repetition of Examination in Chief • Effectively established weaknesses in witness's testimony • Leading questions provided control of witness • Avoided arguing with the witness and commenting on answers 		/25

<p>Closing Statement (3 minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affirmed clear case theory • Focus on critical evidence to support case theory, not irrelevant information • Focus on evidence to advance own case, and undermine opposition case theory • Effective conclusion drawn from evidence to answer legal issues 		<p>/15</p>
<p>Objections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated understanding of appropriate grounds for objection • Demonstrated proper manner of objecting • Responds effectively to objections from opposing counsel • Effective use of objections to protect witness during cross examination 		<p>/15</p>
<p>Manner and Expression</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with the Court • Projection of voice and articulation • Responds to question from the Bench • Appropriate use of language and body language 		<p>/15</p>
<p>Additional Comments</p>			<p>Total /100</p>