

COURT OF APPEALS SCRIPT

MINNESOTA YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT COURT OF APPEALS ORAL ARGUMENT PROCEDURES

1. CALL TO ORDER

"ALL RISE FOR THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE MINNESOTA COURT OF APPEALS, THE HONORABLE JUDGE _____ PRESIDING" Administrator/Bailiff
2. **"YOU MAY BE SEATED"** Presiding Judge
3. **"ARE THE APPELLANT'S READY?"** Presiding Judge
4. **"YES YOUR HONOR"** Appellant's Attorneys
5. **"ARE THE RESPONDENT'S READY?"** Presiding Judge
6. **"YES YOUR HONOR"** Respondent's Attorneys
7. **"APPELLANTS, DO YOU WISH TO RESERVE TIME FOR REBUTTAL?"** Presiding Judge
8. **"YES YOUR HONOR, WE WISH TO RESERVE FIVE MINUTES FOR REBUTTAL."** Appellant's Attorneys
9. **"APPELLANTS, YOU MAY BEGIN"** Presiding Judge
10. **"MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, MY NAME IS _____ AND MY PARTNER'S NAME IS _____. WE REPRESENT THE APPELLANT, _____ IN THE CASE OF _____ VS. _____."** Appellant's Attorneys

(Then proceed to give the overview of facts and then address each issue interweaving the law and the facts. You have a total of 10 minutes to present).
11. JUSTICES/JUDGES ASK QUESTIONS
(STOP. Listen to question and answer it. Then move on with your argument.) Justices/Judges
12. At the end of 10 minutes, state - **"WE WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE THE REMAINDER OF OUR TIME FOR REBUTTAL"** Appellant's Attorneys

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| 13. | RESPONDENTS, YOU MAY PROCEED | Presiding Judge |
| 14. | RESPONDENT STANDS AND ADDRESSES THE COURT

"MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, MY NAME IS _____
AND MY PARTNER'S NAME IS _____. WE
REPRESENT THE RESPONDENT, _____" | Respondent's Attorneys |
| | (Address each issue interweaving the law and the facts. There is no apparent need to re-state the facts unless they help you clarify your arguments. You have a total of 15 minutes to present your argument). | |
| 15. | JUSTICES/JUDGES ASK QUESTIONS
(STOP. Listen to question and answer it. Then move on with your argument.) | Justices/Judges |
| 16. | RESPONDENT CONCLUSION
(At end of argument, Respondents conclude by telling the court what they want the court to do; i.e., to affirm the lower court's decision.) | Respondent's Attorneys |
| 17. | APPELLANT REBUTTAL
(Address questions raised by Respondents and conclude by telling the court what they want the court to do, i.e., Reverse the decision of the lower court). | Appellant's Attorneys |
| 18. | "THANK YOU COUNSEL, THIS COURT WILL TAKE THE MATTER UNDER ADVISEMENT AND ISSUE AN OPINION SHORTLY." | Presiding Judge |
| 19. | "ALL RISE" | Administrator/Bailiff |
| 20. | JUDGES ADJOURN TO DISCUSS CASE IN DELIBERATION AND DRAFT COURTS OPINION. | |

OPINIONS WILL BE POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE OF THE COURT ROOM THE CASE WAS ARGUED IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.