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**GRADING CRITERIA FOR BRIEFS**

Suggested Points (maximum of 100 total points)

- (10)           **I. FORMAT/APPEARANCE**
- \_\_\_\_\_ all sections included in proper order and properly prepared
  - \_\_\_\_\_ cover page/title page
  - \_\_\_\_\_ questions presented
  - \_\_\_\_\_ topical index/point headings
  - \_\_\_\_\_ table of authorities
  - \_\_\_\_\_ opinions below
  - \_\_\_\_\_ jurisdiction
  - \_\_\_\_\_ standard of review
  - \_\_\_\_\_ statutes involved
  - \_\_\_\_\_ statement of the facts
  - \_\_\_\_\_ summary of argument
  - \_\_\_\_\_ argument
  - \_\_\_\_\_ conclusion
  - \_\_\_\_\_ appendix
  - \_\_\_\_\_ neat and professional appearance maintained overall; compliance with format requirements
- (10)           **II. QUESTIONS PRESENTED AND POINT HEADINGS**
- \_\_\_\_\_ properly framed
  - \_\_\_\_\_ clearly, precisely, and persuasively worded
- (20)           **III. STATEMENT OF FACTS**
- \_\_\_\_\_ all relevant facts included; presentation well-organized
  - \_\_\_\_\_ facts stated accurately but told from client's viewpoint
- (10)           **IV. MECHANICS**
- \_\_\_\_\_ composition: grammar, paragraph structure, spelling, and proofreading
  - \_\_\_\_\_ clear, readable, concise prose
- (20)           **V. USE OF LEGAL AUTHORITY**
- \_\_\_\_\_ sufficient research performed/cases well chosen
  - \_\_\_\_\_ cases analyzed sufficiently and presented completely and accurately
  - \_\_\_\_\_ cites included where needed
- (30)           **VI. ARGUMENT**
- \_\_\_\_\_ sets up and introduces legal issues completely (including all relevant rules)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ presents arguments logically, completely (no gaps; nothing left for readers to infer), clearly, and persuasively
  - \_\_\_\_\_ included sufficient number of reasonable arguments to advance position
  - \_\_\_\_\_ anticipates and effectively deals with counterarguments
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Summary of Argument presents argument concisely, effectively and persuasively