| **BRIEF PARTS** | **POSSIBLE POINTS**  **(*Min.-Max.)*** | **POINTS GIVEN** |
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| 1. COVER OF BRIEF; IDENTITY OF PARTIES AND COUNSEL   Does the cover present the correct information and fulfill all of the guidelines set forth in Tex. R. App. P. 9.4(g)? Are the parties correctly identified as required by Tex. R. App. P. 38.1? | (1-2) |  |
| 1. TABLE OF CONTENTS   Are the parts in proper sequence for accurate identification and speedy location? Do points and sub-points provide an overall outline of the case? | (1-2) |  |
| 1. INDEX OF AUTHORITIES   Are all of the authorities sensibly divided and arranged, with proper division between cases, constitutional materials, statutes, rules, and secondary sources? Is citation form correct? | (1-3) |  |
| 1. STATEMENT OF THE CASE   Are the procedural facts concisely and accurately stated? | (1-3) |  |
| 1. ISSUES PRESENTED   Do the issues concisely state all questions to be decided, expressed in the terms and circumstances of the case, without unnecessary detail or repetition? Are the questions phrased to call for a favorable answer without being argumentative? | (4-6) |  |
| 1. STATEMENT OF FACTS   Are the relevant facts reasonably developed (with reference to the record) and fairly stated (consistent with fairness and candor)? Are the facts stated, with order and emphasis, to persuasively tell that party’s side of the case? | (7-10) |  |
| 1. SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT   Is the summary an accurate and clear condensation, by suitable paragraphs, of the argument actually made in the body of the brief and not a mere repetition of the headings in the arguments? | (2-5) |  |
| 1. ARGUMENT   a. ISSUE RECOGNITION  Are all of the necessary issues included in the arguments? Are the issues confused or show a lack of understanding of what is involved? Are irrelevant issues included?  b. ARGUMENT STRUCTURE  Are the arguments structured to indicate a recognition of the issues? Are the arguments organized in a clear manner and to compel a conclusion in the writer’s favor? | (7-10)  (6-10) |  |

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| c. ARGUMENTATIVE HEADINGS AND TONE  Are the points and sub-points clear and effective headings that serve as a succinct summary of the argument to follow? Are the arguments developed as announced in the points, headings, and introductory materials?  d. AUTHORITY  Are the best available legal authorities used? Are statutes, legislative history, and secondary authorities appropriately developed and used (or overused)? Are all unfavorable authorities recognized and properly treated?  e. PERSUASION  Are the issues and authorities combined with sound legal analysis for the most effective persuasion? Are the facts, analogies, and public policy appropriately argued to apply the law? Are favorable arguments positively stressed and unfavorable arguments recognized and answered? | (7-10)  (7-10)  (7-15) |  |
| 1. PRAYER   Does the conclusion request the correct relief available under the record and arguments? | (1-2) |  |
| 1. APPENDIX   Have the required contents been included in the appendix? For the optional contents, has the correct decision been made on whether to include to materials or not? (Points may be given or not given for either decision.) Are option items included in the appendix the proper type of items to be so included? | (1-2) |  |
| 1. OVERALL STYLE & APPEARANCE   Is the brief clear and unambiguous, reflecting good word choice, readable sentence structure and careful editing? Does the brief look polished and present an overall professional appearance? Does the brief make the sale? | (7-10) |  |
| **SIGNATURE OF JUDGE** | **(60-100)** | **TOTAL BRIEF SCORE** |

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