



INSIDE THE BAR DISPUTE FORM

See Rule 7.2 for details and procedures.

Date: _____ Competition: _____

Round: _____ Courtroom # _____

Disputing Team: _____ Responding Team: _____
(Enter Team Code) *(Enter Team Code)*

Grounds for Dispute (Disputing Team):

Response to Dispute (Responding Team)

Dispute Granted or Denied?

Granted

Denied



Reasons for Granting or Denying Dispute:

Recommendation of Presiding Judge:

Name and Signature of Presiding Judge:

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Return completed form to competition staff at the end of the trial.

Competition Staff Follow Up:

RULE 7.2

REPORTING A RULES VIOLATION INSIDE THE BAR

At the conclusion of each trial, before judges complete and submit their score sheets, the presiding judge will inquire whether either team believes a substantial violation of the rules occurred during the trial. Any alleged violation that occurred during the trial and is not brought to the attention of the presiding judge during the round will not be considered after the trial. All judges remain in the room during the dispute process.

Teams are permitted to consult with their coach for up to two minutes to determine whether they wish to raise a perceived violation. The process for determining the dispute is as follows:

- 1) A student from the team filing the dispute will act as the spokesperson for the dispute and inform the court that they wish to file a claim for a substantial rules violation.
- 2) The presiding judge will provide the student with Inside the Bar Dispute Form.
- 3) The student will briefly write the nature of the dispute. No more than two minutes will be allotted for this process. The student may communicate with team members and coaches in preparing the form.
- 4) The student filing the dispute will share the Inside the Bar Dispute Form with their written dispute to the team accused of the rules violation.
- 5) A student from the accused team will act as the spokesperson for the accused team. The student will review the disputer and briefly write a response to the dispute. No more than two minutes will be allotted for this process. The student may communicate with team members and coaches in preparing the form.
- 6) The spokesperson for each team will briefly present their team's position on the dispute to the presiding judge. No more than two minutes per team will be allotted for this explanation.
- 7) The presiding judge may ask any questions necessary to clarify the dispute, determine whether the dispute is granted or denied, and record the reasons for the decision on the Inside the Bar Dispute Form.
- 8) The presiding judge will advise the teams as to whether the dispute is granted or denied.
- 9) Once the process is complete, judges will finish filling out and submit the score sheets and prepare for the debrief. The filled out Inside the Bar Dispute will be turned in to competition staff. If the dispute has been granted, competition staff will determine any point deductions for the team's overall score for the round.