Judicial Proceedings Script

Associate Justice: All persons having business before the Honorable, the New Mexico Supreme Court, are admonished to draw near and give their attention, for the Court is now sitting.

[The Chief Justice and Justices will come in and sit down]

Chief Justice: Please be seated. [Pause] Is the Petitioner ready?

Petitioner: [Stands Up] Petitioner is ready, your honor. [Sits Down]

Chief Justice: Is the Respondent ready?

Respondent: [Stands Up] The Respondent is ready your honor. [Sits Down]

[The Petitioners will approach the podium or bench]

Petitioner: May it please the court?

Chief Justice: It may

Petitioner:

Introduction:

I am counselor [insert name] from the [insert delegation], and alongside my co-council, [insert name], we will be arguing on behalf of the petitioner. I will be specifically addressing - proceeds to give argument

(if co-counselor) My name is [insert name] and on behalf of the petitioner, I will be addressing the second claim: [state question/give argument]

Conclusion:

(if passing off to co-council) Thank you for your time, your honors. I now yield my time to my co-council.

(*if closing the whole argument*) Thank you for your time your honors. I yield my time to the court.

Chief Justice: Thank you, Petitioner.

[The Respondent will approach the podium or bench]

Respondent: May it please the court?

Chief Justice: It may.

Respondent:

Introduction:

I am counselor [insert name] from the [insert delegation], and alongside my cocouncil, [insert name], we will be arguing on behalf of the respondent. I will be specifically addressing - proceeds to give argument

(if co-counselor) My name is [insert name] and on behalf of the respondent, I will be addressing the second claim: [state question/give argument]

Conclusion:

(if passing off to co-council) Thank you for your time, your honors. I now yield my time to my co-council.

(*if closing the whole argument*) Thank you for your time your honors. I yield my time to the court.

Chief Justice: Thank You, Respondent.

[Petitioner approaches the podium or bench for rebuttal]

Petitioner: May it please the court?

Chief Justice: It may.

Petitioner: gives rebuttal - Thank you for your time your honors. I yield my time to the court.

Chief Justice: Thank you

Associate Justice: The Justices will now retreat to make their decision

[all rise while they leave then sit back down] - justices leave to confer-

Associate Justice: [enters] All rise. [everyone rises]

Chief Justice: The court rules in favor of the petitioner/respondent.