

Mock ICJ - Attorney's Check List

- 1) Reminder: when calling your witness, ask him/her to state his/her name and title/position/job.
- 2) In the event that a witness appears to be faltering on answering your question, consider re-phrasing the question to “In your opinion,? (Requires a Yes or No response*)

*You want to have as many definitive answers as possible, plus it helps the witness out.
- 3) Pace yourself throughout the case. You may have time to recall certain witnesses so you want to be alert to which ones you will select as the proceedings go on throughout the day.
- 4) The lunch break is an eating and working session for attorney teams as you prepare for the remainder of the afternoon session (particularly in adjusting and preparing closing arguments).
- 5) Lastly, show some emotion when it is reasonable and appropriate for the ICJ setting. Sometimes a pause and long look at a ‘hostile’ witness can send a message you want to convey about the witness.
- 6) Remember Ms. Edelman’s suggestions – good eye contact with all the judges when speaking to the court, assertive but not offensive responses to the judges, etc. Remember, the judges will make the final call as to the outcome of the case. You want the judgment to be in your favor!
- 7) At all times, attorneys are to be respectful and fair in how they conduct themselves when interacting with all other participants.