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APPELLATE JUSTICE SCRIPT

1. As the justice enter the room, the bailiff will call the courtroom to order:

BALIFF: (stand and say the following) "All rise. The Honorable Justice of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals presiding. Oyez, Oyez, Oyez. All persons having business before the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals are admonished to draw near and give their attention, for the Court is now sitting. God save the United States and this Honorable Court! (*justice sit down*).

PRESIDING JUSTICE : "You may be seated." We have before us the case of _____, Petitioners v. The State of Texas, Respondent. Is the Appellant Ready?

APPELLANTS: (both attorneys rise): We are

PRESIDING JUSTICE : Is the Appellee ready?

APPELLEES (both attorneys rise): We are

PRESIDING JUDGE: Appellant, you may proceed.

2. After both teams have completed their arguments:

PRESIDING JUSTICE : "This court is now in recess while we deliberate"

BAILIFF: "All rise"

3. As the judges return from deliberation:

BAILIFF: "All rise"

PRESIDING JUSTICE: "Having read the written briefs and considered the arguments of counsel, this court finds:

*In favor of the appellee and affirms the decision of the lower court"

*In favor of the appellant and reverses the decision of the lower court"

*In favor of the appellant and reverses the decision of the lower court and remands the case to the trial court for further action.

PRESIDING JUSTICE: This court is now in recess.

BAILIFF: (as the judges rise to leave) "All rise"