

**Opinion Review Template:
Attorney Reviewer**

Reviewer's Name: _____

Justice's/Judge's Name: _____

Case Name: _____

I. Legal Analysis and Reasoning (*skip for a concurring or dissenting opinion*)

- a. The opinion adequately explains the basis of the court's decision.
Agree *Partly Agree/Partly Disagree* *Disagree*
- b. The opinion follows an applicable standard of review for the case.
Agree *Partly Agree/Partly Disagree* *Disagree*
- c. The opinion clearly sets forth rules of law, if any, to be used in future cases.
Agree *Partly Agree/Partly Disagree* *Disagree*
- d. The opinion provides clear direction to the trial court.
Agree *Partly Agree/Partly Disagree* *Disagree*
- e. The opinion decides only those issues that need to be decided in the case before the court.
Agree *Partly Agree/Partly Disagree* *Disagree*

Additional comments on **Legal Analysis and Reasoning**:

II. Fairness

- a. The opinion addresses the issues raised by both parties fairly.
Agree *Partly Agree/Partly Disagree* *Disagree*
- b. (*For a concurring or dissenting opinion*) The opinion is appropriate in tone and substance.
Agree *Partly Agree/Partly Disagree* *Disagree*

Additional comments on **Fairness**:

III. **Clarity**

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| a. The opinion is clear. | <i>Agree</i> | <i>Partly Agree/Partly Disagree</i> | <i>Disagree</i> |
| b. The opinion is concise. | <i>Agree</i> | <i>Partly Agree/Partly Disagree</i> | <i>Disagree</i> |
| c. The opinion adequately summarizes the relevant facts in the case. | <i>Agree</i> | <i>Partly Agree/Partly Disagree</i> | <i>Disagree</i> |
| d. The opinion's legal reasoning is easy to follow. | <i>Agree</i> | <i>Partly Agree/Partly Disagree</i> | <i>Disagree</i> |

Additional comments on **Clarity**:
