**Exhibit G:** *Opening Protocol: for the Judges, Attorney Coaches, and Eight Student Attorneys*

***Elonis v. United States* Applied to Student’s Rap Posts**

**Note:** Always stand when addressing the Judge.

**A Law Clerk Announces the Judge.**

**The Judge takes the bench, welcomes the group, and says: “The issue before us today is – Does the First Amendment require proof that a defendant is serious about following through on a threat before the defendant may be convicted of threatening another person?”**

**Judge: Is Counsel for the Defendant ready?**

**Andy Jackson’s Attorney #1** *(Stands at counsel table)* Yes, Your Honor.

**Judge: Is Counsel for the Government ready?**

**Government’s Attorney #1** *(Stands at counsel table)* Yes, Your Honor.

**Judge:**  **Counsel for the Defendant may proceed.**

**Attorneys for Andy Jackson, the Defendant**

**Attorney #1 *(Goes to the lectern)***

“May it please the Court. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I am from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. My colleagues and I are counsel for Mr. Andy Jackson, the Defendant before this Court today. There are three issues before the Court. I will argue the first issue. Seated at the Defendant’s counsel table are my colleagues who will handle the other issues and closing arguments. They will introduce themselves and tell you where they are from.” *(Attorney #1 sits down)*

**Attorney #2 *(Stands at counsel table)***

“I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I will be handling Issue #2.”

*(Sits down)*

**Attorney #3 *(Stands at counsel table)***

“I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I will be handling Issue #3.” *(Sits down)*

**Attorney #4 *(Stands at counsel table)***

“I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I will be handling the closing arguments for the Defendant.” *(Sits down)*

**Judge: Counsel for the Government may proceed with your introductions.**

**Attorneys for the Government**

**Attorney #1** ***(Goes to the lectern)***

“May it please the Court. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I am from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I will be arguing the first issue on behalf of the Government, the United States. Seated at the Government’s counsel table are my colleagues who will handle the other issues and closing arguments. They will introduce themselves and tell you where they are from.” *(Sits down)*

**Attorney #2 *(Stands at counsel table)***

“I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I will be handling Issue #2.” *(Sits down*)

**Attorney #3 *(Stands at counsel table)***

“I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I will be handling Issue #3.” *(Sits down*)

**Attorney #4 *(Stands at counsel table)***

“I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I will handle the closing arguments for the Government.” *(Sits down)*

**Judge: “Now we will turn to the major questions about this issue. The attorneys will make their arguments, and then the audience will break into jury deliberation groups. Your professors will facilitate your deliberations so that everyone has the opportunity to speak. At the end, we will take a vote to determine the verdict.”**