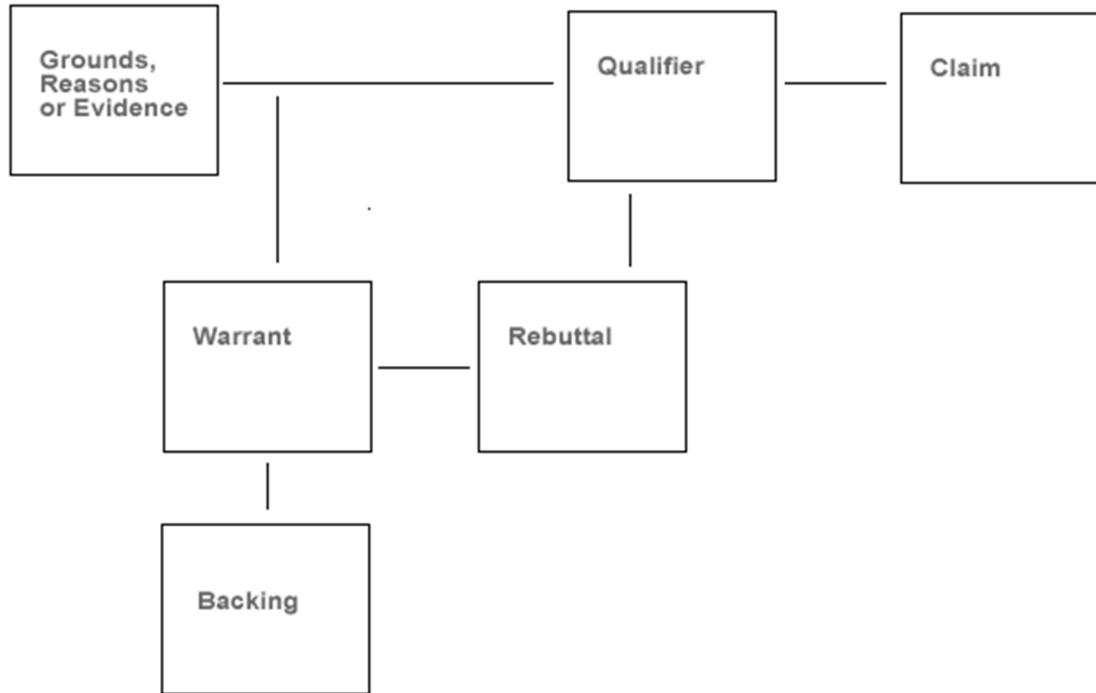


## The Toulmin Model of Argumentation – *adapted from San Diego State University*

The Toulmin model asserts that most arguments consist of the following 6 parts:



We can also identify 3 other important parts of an argument

**Assumptions**

**Counter-examples**

**Implications**

**Counter-arguments**

### The Toulmin Model

1. *Claim*: the position or claim being argued for; the conclusion of the argument.
2. *Grounds*: reasons or supporting evidence that bolster the claim.
3. *Warrant*: the principle, provision or chain of reasoning that connects the grounds/reason to the claim.
4. *Backing*: support, justification, reasons to back up the warrant.
5. *Rebuttal/Reservation*: exceptions to the claim; description and rebuttal of counter-examples and counter-arguments.
6. *Qualification*: specification of limits to claim, warrant and backing. The degree of conditionality asserted.