LEGAL ANALYSIS, WRITING, & RESEARCH I
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Required Texts/Materials


Recommended Texts

  (or another style manual that you are comfortable with)


Initial Reading Assignments

Tuesday, August 22

Read: Coughlin pages xix-xx; 3-32 (introduction; how lawyers communicate; sources & systems of law); Romantz pages 3-17 (foundations of legal analysis)

Review: Handouts: (1) Sample Short Office Memo; (2) Legal Materials/Authority Worksheet

Write: Fill out the Legal Materials/Authority Worksheet

Wednesday, August 23

Read: Coughlin pages 33-56 (reading for comprehension)

Review: Winstead
  Handouts: (1) How to Read a Judicial Opinion; (2) How to Brief a Case; (3) Sample Case Brief

Write: Brief Winstead
Thursday, August 24

Read: Coughlin pages 57-66 (finding your argument); pages 181-197 (statutory analysis); Romantz pages 21-33 (rules); pages 85-99 (statutory analysis)

Review: Handout: How to Read a Statute

Write: Diagram the DUI statute and write out the statutory test for DUI; write out the rules and holding for *Winstead, O’Malley, Willard & Holloran*. 