Creating a Winning Writing Sample.

If you do not already have an excellent English writing sample, the LLM Writing Sample Workshop will help you create and/or edit a writing sample that will impress employers.

You do not need to do anything until after exams. However, we are notifying you of this opportunity now because winter break provides the perfect opportunity to create a sample based on Professor Glickman’s problem, which is attached. See below for more information and feel free to contact Marcia Glickman at mglickm@law.upenn.edu or Elise Luce Kraemer at ekraemer@law.upenn.edu for more information.

LLM Writing Sample Workshop and Individualized Conferences

Who is eligible: 
Any LL.M student who did not take Legal Writing for LL.Ms in the fall.

Prerequisite: 
Any student wishing to attend must e-mail Professor Glickman a 5-7 page rough draft of your intended writing sample by January 10 at noon. You may use the problem to create the sample or use an existing sample of the same length.*

Timeline:

- January 10 at noon – Students submit their draft memo to Professor Glickman
- January 12 from 4:30 to 6:30 - Workshop with Professor Glickman. She will discuss elements of a good writing sample, go over examples and answer questions. Please note - you may only attend the workshop if you submitted a draft on January 10th and Professor Glickman approves your draft for the workshop.
- January 12-17 - Students revise drafts based upon the workshop information.
- January 18 - Students e-mail their revised draft to Professor Glickman.
- January 19 on - Legal Writing Fellows will read and comment on student’s papers. Fellows will return papers with comments and set up a time for an individual conference about the paper. Students will make additional revisions based upon the one-one conference and the written comments.

* While some of you may already have a paper that you can use for your writing sample, many firms are interested in seeing if you can write a memo-style document. Attached is a problem that is similar to the problem you wrote about this summer. Included in the problem are the cases that you should use to write your answer. You do not need to do any additional research. Additionally, Professor Glickman has posted sample memos on the career placement website for you to use as examples.