

PAPER 2 - RESPONSE

Your response paper should be emailed to ps390@timski.com and tkalino@siue.edu by noon on the date due.

- 1) Cover page with your name and your topic.
- 2) Name the student to whose paper you are responding.
- 3) Name the party, and counsel for the party (fictional).
- 4) Page setup 8.5" x 11", 12 pt proportional font, double spaced, 1 inch margins.
- 5) Every page and every paragraph should be numbered (each separate argument should have a separate heading as well).
- 6) After naming the parties, the first paragraph should be a statement of the issue.
- 7) The purpose is to present a persuasive argument to the judge refuting the appropriate paper. This may require presenting an appropriate alternative solution. This means you need to identify each major point made in the other paper and explain how it is faulty.**
- 8) Every assertion of fact should be cited unless it is common knowledge. If it is not, it may be ignored. A consistent lack of citation will result in a reduction of your grade.
- 9) Citation method is discretionary (see Syllabus), but should be consistent. Briefs and cases tend to use embedded (usually pinpoint) citations with a list of cited authority either at the beginning or end. Legal journals tend to footnote sources with a bibliography at the end. Over citation is almost impossible. But try to make sure to put information in your own words. While 1-3 sentences might be quoted, large blocks of text should not be used unless absolutely necessary. In this rare instance, block indent and single space the quotation.
- 10) There should be at least 5 sources which should be reputable and easily accessible to other students. Blogs/wikipedia/encyclopedias do not count as reputable sources.
- 11) There should be no first person statements or "in my opinion" statements.
- 12) The paper should end with a Conclusion and a Prayer to the Court. (If you don't know what this means, ask.)
- 13) There should be a list of books, cases, and statutes cited.
- 14) The paper should be a minimum of 10 pages and probably no more than 20. The Cover Page and list of citations do not count in those totals.
- 15) If there is any confusion about your topic, please discuss with me.

Grading Rubric

Content:

75 points – 7 points deducted for every major counter-argument omitted or inadequately addressed; 7 points deducted if alternate solutions not provided.

Writing:

25 points – earned as each of the following are judged on a 5 pt scale:

- 1) Clear and persuasive.
- 2) Arguments are supported with reasons, evidence, and examples.
- 3) Organized and unified.
- 4) Sources are correctly documented and cited.
- 5) Grammar, punctuation, spelling, layout, and word choice are proper and free from errors.