

GRADUATION WRITING REQUIREMENT

I hereby certify that _____
(Name of Student)

has satisfactorily completed the Graduation Writing Requirement in the following course:

_____ during the _____ semester
(Name of Course)

in accordance with the standards approved by the Faculty. Included among those standards:

- Each student must prepare a scholarly, well documented and well written paper that develops a thesis on a legal topic.
- The paper must be of at least B minus (B-) quality in order to satisfy the writing requirement.
- As a general guideline, the paper should total a minimum of twenty double-spaced textual pages, exclusive of the title page, table of contents, footnotes, bibliography, and appendixes.
- Each faculty member supervising a student will require at least one progress report or initial draft.

(Faculty Member Signature)

Date _____

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ABA Standards for Approval of Law Schools, 302(a)(3):

“A law school shall require that each student receive substantial instruction in writing in a legal context, including . . . at least one . . . rigorous writing experience after the first year”

Interpretation 302-1:

“Factors to be considered in evaluating the rigor of writing instruction include: the number and nature of writing projects assigned to students; the opportunities a student has to meet with a writing instructor for purposes of individualized assessment of the student’s written products; the number of drafts that a student must produce of any writing project; and the form of assessment used by the writing instructor.

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