Legal Research Paper Evaluation, Feedback, and Grading Form

Student Name: __________________________________________________________

Below is my evaluation; qualitative comments also may appear on the paper. Scores are based on thorough analysis, appropriate use of case law to predict legal outcomes [stare decisis], demonstrated mastery of course content/skills, and appropriate handling of issues raised. Writing well and following directions also are rewarded.

*Well-written, revised fact situation [the evidence—what happened—in order] (10 points): __________
  (Managerial issues? Balanced [i.e., P.F. case and employer defense]? Performance/retention/promotion criteria? Job info? Enough facts to apply law? Evidence logical/chronological, no legal rules/analysis mixed in?)

*Instructive primary appellate case law from proper jurisdictions [CA, 9th Cir., S.Ct.] (30 points):
  (3 “value-added” cases involving management issues, not legal or procedural technicalities lawyers would handle? Within last 5 years? Instructive to help resolve legal issues raised? Well summarized? Not in text or on class website? Not unpublished, per curiam, technically narrow, or otherwise lacking in useful precedential value?)

*Thorough, analytic memorandum to management (50 points):
  (Meaningfully evaluate major issues? Consider both sides? Advise management re: potential liability, improved management practices? Apply case facts to your facts—really USE the cases—to resolve issues?) [Warning—if your cases relate only marginally by general legal area but are not factually analogous, you will not do well here!]

Clear, concise, logical written communication quality (10 points):

Any other adjustments to grade (e.g., lateness, failure to follow directions/format, over length): __________

TOTAL SCORE (of 100; scaled later to green sheet value): __________

Additional Comments (if any):