

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 Not unpublished, *per curiam*, technically narrow, or otherwise lacking in useful precedential value?)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): _____
(Well organized? Follow recommended format? Syntax/language/spell check errors? Ramble? Surplus?)

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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):