Writing Samples

• Must be entirely your own work. It should be substantially unedited by anyone else.

• Should show your skill in analyzing a legal issue.

• Should contain facts, a discussion of relevant law, and a conclusion based on the application of the law to the facts.

• Suggested samples for rising 2Ls include: a memorandum prepared for LSV or a portion of a longer law school paper.

• Get permission from the employer if using materials prepared during an internship or job. Attach a cover sheet saying that you are using the sample with express permission from the employer.
Selecting Documents Prepared for an Employer

• You must avoid breaching any confidences or attorney-client privileges.

• You must obtain permission from your employer, and must indicate on the sample that your employer granted you permission to use the work.

• Use generic names to replace identifying confidential information.
Length

• Generally 5-8 pages.

• You may use a section of a larger work. If you do, you must include a note that explains the larger scope of the work, and offers any background needed to understand the context.