GUIDELINES FOR THE UPPER-CLASS WRITING REQUIREMENT

The faculty of Oklahoma City University School of Law has adopted the following guidelines for Law Review Notes, appellate moot court briefs for faculty-approved moot court competitions, Directed Research papers, and Supervised Papers if those writing projects are intended to satisfy the law school’s Upper-Class Writing Requirement:

Appellate Briefs in Faculty-Approved Moot Court Competitions. These briefs share the characteristic that substantial faculty assistance is not permitted until after the briefs have been submitted to the competition. For these briefs to satisfy the Upper-Class Writing Requirement, students must continue to work with their faculty sponsor and rewrite the brief, as follows:

- The students must meet with their faculty sponsor to discuss the sponsor’s comments on the version of the brief submitted to the competition;
- The students must produce at least two rewrites of the brief and meet with the faculty sponsor after each rewrite, except that the faculty sponsor may omit the conference after the final rewrite.
- The faculty sponsor is at liberty to require more rewrites and conferences until the brief meets the expectations of the faculty sponsor.

Faculty sponsors of faculty-approved moot court competition teams are members of the faculty who serve as the coaches of the teams for their training in written and oral advocacy skills.

Law Review Notes, Directed Research Papers, and Supervised Papers. The faculty expects the following faculty supervision and student rewrites of Law Review Notes, Directed Research Papers, and Supervised Papers that are intended to satisfy the Upper-Class Writing Requirement:

- A written statement of the student’s topic and thesis, followed by a conference with a member of the faculty;
- A developed outline and annotated bibliography, followed by a conference with the faculty member about the outline and bibliography;
- An initial draft of the paper, followed by a conference with the faculty member;
- A draft that the student believes to be final, followed by a conference with the faculty member;
- At least one additional revision of the paper, followed each time by a conference with the faculty member, except that the version of the paper that is final in the eyes of the faculty member need not be followed by a conference.
- In the case of a Law Review Note, the rewriting of the paper and the related conferences may continue after the deadline for the submission of the Note to the Law Review.

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