

University of Wisconsin Law School

UPPER-LEVEL WRITING REQUIREMENT FORM

Per Law School Rule 3.11.1, J.D. candidates have an “Upper-level Writing Requirement” and are required to complete one rigorous, faculty-supervised, writing experience subsequent to the completion of the First-Year Program.

Note to faculty: Factors to be considered in evaluating the rigor of a writing experience include the number and nature of writing projects assigned to students, the form and extent of individualized assessment of a student’s written products, and the number of drafts that a student must produce for any writing experience. (ABA Standards: Interpretation 303-2)

Instructions to the student: To have your completion recorded by the Law School, you must complete this form, sign and date the form, obtain the faculty signature, and turn in the form to the Law School Registrar.

I completed a writing project (or projects) that included each of the following:

- (1) at least 20 pages* (double-spaced) of written work;
- (2) submission of at least one draft on which my instructor provided, for the entirety of this written work, feedback which specifically assessed my writing (apart from any substantive content);
- (3) the instructor’s feedback was provided in time for me to assess it prior to submitting the final product.

I completed the above in _____ with Professor _____
Name of course/clinic Name of instructor

in the following semester (**check one**): Fall Spring Summer Year: _____

The above course is not being used to fulfill the experiential course requirement or the professional responsibilities requirement (see note below).

Student name (print): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Prior to the Fall 2017 Term and thereafter, at least 15 pages (double-spaced) was necessary to fulfill this requirement.

NOTE: The upper-level writing requirement may not be met by a student in the same course/clinic in which the student is simultaneously fulfilling any of the requirements of either Rule 3.07 ("Experiential Course Requirement") or Rule 3.12 ("Professional Responsibilities Requirement").

For example, a summer clinic student who chooses to use summer writing projects to satisfy this writing requirement may not count summer credits from the same clinic to meet the 6-credit experiential learning requirement. That student, however, can use clinic credits in the following academic year toward the experiential learning requirement.