# Legal Writing

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|  | Excellent | Very Good | Good | Fair | Poor |
| statement of facts |  |  |  |  |  |
| issue(s) and answer(s) |  |  |  |  |  |
| thesis paragraph |  |  |  |  |  |
| statement of rule of law |  |  |  |  |  |
| explanation of cases used as authority |  |  |  |  |  |
| application of rule of law to facts |  |  |  |  |  |
| conclusion |  |  |  |  |  |
| organization |  |  |  |  |  |

Comments:

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| 1 | quoting from headnote or syllabus | A few | Many |
| 2 | problem with apostrophes |  |  |
| 3 | problem with antecedents |  |  |
| 4 | spelling errors/ typos |  |  |
| 5 | did not use plain English |  |  |
| 6 | run-on sentence |  |  |
| 7 | sentence fragment |  |  |
| 8 | page reference needed |  |  |
| 9 | did not quote exactly |  |  |
| 10 | problem with parallel construction |  |  |
| 11 | possibility of plagiarism |  |  |
| 12 | problem with quotation form |  |  |
| 13 | wording missing |  |  |
| 14 | changed tense without reason |  |  |
| 15 | used contractions |  |  |
| 16 | problem with citation form |  |  |
| 17 | spell out |  |  |
| 18 | language too persuasive |  |  |
| 19 | use active voice |  |  |
| 20 | reword |  |  |
| 21 | keep to one sentence |  |  |
| 22 | transitional language needed |  |  |
| 23 | tabulate |  |  |
| 24 | expand discussion |  |  |
| 25 | be more specific |  |  |
| 26 | Unclear |  |  |
| 27 | Reorganize |  |  |