

## LEGAL WRITING II: CRIMINAL LAW

Vermont Law School – Spring 2018

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Dear Students,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a relaxing break. I am looking forward to seeing you for our first class on Tuesday, January 9 at 8:30 am in the Map Room. Please don't be late! For your first assignment, I would like you to do two things:

1. Complete the grammar diagnostic that I emailed you. It should take you about 45 minutes. You need not research the answers; instead, answer the questions the best you can with what you know. The purpose of this assignment is for you to discover areas of weakness. How you score will not factor into your grade. Please bring your answers with you to our first class.
2. Write a one-page document (maximum, there is no page minimum) stating the strengths and weaknesses of your legal writing. The document should be double spaced, in Times New Roman font, 12 point, with one-inch margins on all sides. Please bring a hard copy of the document with you to our first class.

I will give you the syllabus in class on our first day, but note there is no required text or course packet. All materials you need will be on TWEN, which will be available on the first day.

Enjoy your remaining days of vacation and I look forward to seeing you on the 9th! If you have any questions, let me know.

Sincerely,

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