

AWC Written Legal Communication Assessment Rubric

	5	4	3	2	1
Issue statement	Provides clear, specific issue statement	Provides specific issue statement	Provides issue statement	Issue statement is unclear	No issue statement present
Rules	All necessary rules clearly identified	Sufficient rules identified	Most applicable rules identified	Some rules identified	No rules presented
Analytical content	Demonstrates clear thinking and depth of legal analysis	Demonstrates legal analytical ability	Demonstrates partial ability to legally analyze	Demonstrates little or no legal analytical ability	Demonstrates no ability to legally analyze the material
Conclusion	Provides clear, specific conclusion	Provides specific conclusion	Provides conclusion	Conclusion is unclear	No conclusion present
Paragraph development and organization	Uses organization & development of controlling idea with specifics and transitions	Uses organization in most paragraphs, some specifics and transitions	Uses limited organization, somewhat inconsistent specifics and transitions	Uses insufficient organization, few specifics, little or no unity or transitions	Uses no visible organization, significant examples or unity within & between paragraphs
Mechanics & syntax	Possesses high proficiency in grammar usage, spelling, punctuation, sentence variety and clarity	Possesses adequate grammatical proficiency, accuracy in mechanics & some variety in sentence structure	Shows grammatical inconsistency, poor spelling, punctuation & moderate use of sentence variety	Lacks proficiency in grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Rare use of sentence variety; poor clarity	Persistently lacks accuracy in grammar, spelling, and punctuation. No sentence variety; poor clarity
Legal citation	Legal Citation is used consistently and correctly	Legal Citation is mostly used consistently and correctly	Legal Citation is moderately used consistently and correctly	Legal Citation is rarely used consistently or correctly	Legal Citation is used incorrectly or not at all