To: All Lawyering Skills Students

From: All Lawyering Skills Professors

Re: Assignment for First Class (Week 1)

Date: Fall 2015 (Orientation Week)

For our first class, prepare a one-page, typed, single-spaced self-assessment of your previous writing experiences. The self-assessment is graded and is worth 10 points. Include answers to the following questions:

1. What type of writing did you do before law school either in your job or college/graduate school? (Creative writing, letters, research papers, lab reports, newsletters, internal memos, etc.)

2. What was the extent of the feedback you received on your writing? (None, line-editing, detailed explanations about how to improve, etc.) Was the feedback helpful?

3. What type of process did you go through when writing? (Outline, scribble notes, use index cards, brainstorm a rough draft, edit as you went along, have someone else proofread, etc.)

4. What are the strengths in your writing?

5. What are the weaknesses in your writing?

Please bring your self-assessment with you to our first class in Week 1.

A copy of the syllabus will be distributed and discussed during our first class.