

AJ 430
Writing Requirement

1. **Basic Requirement.** AJ 430 is a writing intensive course. In order to fulfill the writing requirement each student must prepare written briefs for 12 appellate court decisions assigned by the Instructor.

2. **Case Names/Dates.** Every student must brief the following 12 cases. Page numbers appear below in parentheses for the cases in the Samaha textbook. Due dates for the submission of briefs are listed next to each case name.

	Name	Date Due Sec 1 (Tu/Th)
(1)	White (59)	Aug 26
(2)	Kyllo (62)	Sep 2
(3)	Terry (88)	Sep 9
(4)	Payton (162)	Sep 16
(5)	Chimel (201)	Sep 23
(6)	Belton (203)	Sep 30
(7)	Miranda (286)	Oct 7
(8)	Brewer (296)	Oct 14
(9)	Mapp (343)	Oct 21
(10)	Gideon (419)	Oct 28
(11)	Alford (463)	Nov 4
(12)	Ewing (478)	Nov 11

3. **In-Class Briefs.** Every student will also present at least two in-class briefs orally during the course of the semester. The Instructor will assign these student presentations in sequence as we work our way through the Case Readings. In order to ensure a good presentation, students must prepare written briefs in the proper format for all these cases presented in class. You can read your brief in class. You may substitute your written brief that you have prepared for an in-class presentation for one of the 12 briefs assigned for the formal writing requirement.

4. **Brief Format.** Students must use the briefing format described by the Instructor in the class handout, "Briefing An Appellate Decision," for ALL written briefs, that is, both those prepared for the formal writing requirement and those presented orally in class.

5. **Typing Requirements.** All briefs must be typed and double-spaced. Each written brief must be at least three full typewritten pages in length.

6. Grading.

- A. The writing requirement constitutes 20% of your final overall GPA for AJ 430.
- B. The Instructor will grade briefs for content and English composition.
- C. Grades include: A (10/9 points), B (8 points), C (7 points), D (6 points), Unsatisfactory (0 points). If the Instructor rejects a brief (Unsatisfactory), the student must rework and resubmit the brief based on the Instructor's comments.
- D. The Instructor will assess a grade penalty for late written briefs.

7. Content. Study the separate handout, "Briefing An Appellate Decision." Follow the seven-paragraph format described in that handout. Pay close attention to the description of information you should include in each paragraph.