

CJ 430 – Criminal Procedure
Paper Guidelines
Date Due: November 4th

Follow these guidelines when writing your paper. Keep in mind that these are only minimum guidelines when writing your paper. Elements such as proof-reading, proper citations and a high quality of legal analysis are expected as well.

1. In the opening paragraph introduce the topic you have chosen and explain from what constitutional amendment the topic is derived.
2. Identify and discuss five (or more) Supreme Court cases that show how your topic has evolved.
3. Using the previously mentioned cases, identify the main debate when considering your topic and identify or formulate two opposing positions concerning your topic. Describe the arguments that each side makes.
4. Identify and discuss three cases from the Supreme Court of Mississippi or the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals that address your topic.
5. Identify and discuss three law review articles that discuss your topic.
6. Devote approximately two pages of your assignment to your own analysis of the topic. Which side of the debate do you find more compelling and why? Provide specific examples from the cases to support your answer. Do not rely on value judgments such as what is right or wrong or which side best represents justice.