

LEGAL WRITING FOR THE COURTS

Introduction

Welcome to “Legal Writing for the Courts.” As part of this course, you will complete the typical assignments given to a law clerk in an appellate judge’s chambers. By doing so, you will have the opportunity to enhance the quality and effectiveness of your writing, as well as gain insight into the state appellate court system. I hope you will enjoy the course and find it to be practical and educational, no matter where your legal career takes you.

Most of the writing assignments will relate to an actual case that was pending in the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court. The case is *State v. Brown*, 815 S.E.2d 761, 423 S.C. 519 (2018). **Please do not read the supreme court opinion.** I will provide you with the materials you may read and use for this class. Of course you may also read, use, and cite any of the authorities referred to in the materials provided. You may also read and rely upon recent case law and secondary sources. **However, should the recent case law and secondary sources rely upon *Brown* and any progeny, you should not consult those materials.**

Any use or consultation of materials other than (1) those in the documents in these materials, (2) the authorities cited in them, and (3) recent law and secondary sources that do not rely upon *Brown* and any progeny **will constitute a violation of the law school’s Honor Code.**

I look forward to meeting you and helping you accomplish your goals in taking this course.

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