



Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing I
Syllabus
Sections 7 & 8
Fall 2025
Professors Harrison & Brackmann

Print Textbooks Required for both Fall and Spring semesters:

1. Christine Coughlin, Joan Malmud Rocklin & Sandy Patrick, *A Lawyer Writes: A Practical Guide to Legal Analysis* (4th ed. 2024). Renting this book for two semesters is uneconomical.
2. *The Bluebook* (22nd ed. 2025). Purchase the hard copy rather than the digital subscription. You will use this book all three years of law school and in practice.
3. Recommended, but not required: Anne Enquist & Laurel Currie Oates, *Just Writing: Grammar, Punctuation, and Style for the Legal Writer*, any edition.

Online Texts:

1. *Core Grammar for Lawyers*, <https://coregrammarforlawyers.com/>. Contact Professor Harrison if you need the registration information.
2. *LRAW Research Fall 2025* (“LRAW Research”) at <http://guides.law.sc.edu/LRAWFall>. You will not need a password to access the textbook. You may always consult *LRAW Research* for help completing any quiz, and it will remain accessible to you after this course ends.

Thursday, August 21, 2025:

- Both sections will meet in Room 284 at 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Please read the following:
 - TWEN: The first eight pages of the Syllabus and all Course Policies at the end of the Syllabus.

- *LRAW Research*, U.S. Legal System unit: Sources of Law and Weight of Authority.
- *A Lawyer Writes*: Introduction, pp. xxi-xxii; Intro to Ch. 3 (Reading for Comprehension), pp. 33-34; Ch. 3.2 (Reading Judicial Opinions), pp. 45-64.
- TWEN: Caroline Jones's file, which includes a memo and the *Campbell v. Robinson* opinion. As you read *Campbell*, apply the concepts you learned in Ch. 3.2.
- Do the following before class:
 - Complete the Core Grammar Pre-Test if you have not already done so.
 - Download the Microsoft Teams desktop app at portal.office.com. You can find a video on how to use Teams [here](#).
 - Access the TWEN page for this class and familiarize yourself with its layout and content.
 - TWEN: Find and download the Information Sheet and complete it. We have also posted our completed Information Sheets for you to read if you would like to learn more about us. Submit your Information Sheet as a Word document on TWEN using the Assignment Drop Box by Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.
 - TWEN: After you have read *Campbell* at least once, locate the Reading Guide for *Campbell*. Download and complete that document. Have access to your responses in class.
 - Make sure you have access to the ***LRAW Research 2025 - Brackmann*** page on Blackboard and familiarize yourself with its layout and content.