

Civil Procedure

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Final Exam Self-Assessment

If you have scheduled an appointment to review your exam with me, you must complete this self-assessment and send a copy to me by email (efink@elon.edu) at least twenty-four hours prior to your appointment. Be sure to bring your exam and completed self-assessment to your appointment.

This self-assessment is designed to help you understand your performance on the final exam, assessing strengths and identifying specific areas for improvement.

Problem Scenarios

Read the scenario for each problem. Is there anything you didn't notice during the exam?

Questions

Read each question. Is there anything you didn't notice during the exam?

Your Answers

Read your answer to each question. In 3-5 words or phrases, describe your overall impression of your answers.

Model Answers

Read the model answers carefully. What are the most important things you notice?

Is there anything in the model answers you don't understand?

Is there anything in the model answers you understand but aren't sure how to apply?

Organization

Organization is an important aspect of all legal writing, including law school exams. A well organized answer will help ensure that your answer is complete and make it easier for your reader to follow your analysis.

The organization of an exam answer (or any other form of legal writing) may vary depending on the nature and complexity of the question or issue(s) at hand. But generally, the “IRAC” model and its variants provide an effective and efficient format. At a minimum, a good answer must include a statement and explanation of the rule (R) and an analysis applying the rule to the facts in the question (A). Where the question itself specifies the main issue (as in this exam), you might omit the issue statement and start with the rule. For this exam, a separate conclusion (C) wasn't necessary.

In the left margin of your exam, for each question, write an “I” next to your Issue statement, an “R” next to your rule statement, an “A” next your your analysis, and a “C” next to your conclusion. Are any of your answers missing a rule statement or analysis?

Compare the organization of your answers with the model answers. What differences do you notice?

For questions that involve multiple issues or sub-issues, did you organize your answer accordingly? Are there any issues/sub-issues you overlooked? Are there any for which you did not provide a clear rule statement and analysis?

Is it clear when your discussion moves from one issue/sub-issue to the next? If not, how can you make this more clear?
