



# Scoring Scale

## 5 - Exceptional

- Provides a masterful, persuasive overview of the precise legal issue discussed in the section text
- Uses confident language that compels agreement without exaggeration
- Exceptionally clear and well-organized, easy to read and understand
- Fully identifies a legal conclusion and provides the specific reason(s) with persuasive language
- Sets a benchmark for persuasive advocacy and structural coherence

## 4 - Strong

- Clearly articulates legal issue with specific, relevant facts and reasons
- Maintains proper terminology while remaining accessible
- Advances argument rather than merely summarizing content
- Minor refinements could further enhance clarity or coherence

## 3 - Adequate

- Identifies legal issue but lacks optimal persuasive phrasing
- Contains relevant information, though it may feel generic, without standout clarity or impact
- Meets the minimum requirements in tone and structure but lacks a compelling, persuasive edge

## 2 - Weak

- Lacks clarity in identifying key legal elements and does not strongly support the argument
- Uses language that is overly abstract, vague, or hesitant that doesn't preview specific argument
- Functions as content label with minimal persuasive value
- Requires significant revisions in detail and structure to guide the reader effectively

## 1 - Ineffective

- Misidentifies legal issue or misrepresents section content
- Contains confusing or misleading language
- Uses improper terminology and undermines argument credibility
- Fails to communicate the legal issue or provide a persuasive argument clearly
- Topical or abstract discussions and hesitant language
- Needs a complete overhaul to fulfill the role of a guiding heading in the brief