ASSIGNMENT #1: LEGAL MEMORANDUM RUBRIC

KNOWLEDGE (/5)	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Below level 1	Comments
Demonstrates knowledge of case fact scenario and legal issues including • Identifying and applying the relevant torts to the case fact scenario • Demonstrated grasp and knowledge of how the relevant principles of tort law apply to the identified parties in the case fact scenario • Identifying and applying relevant case law and/or legislation to the case fact scenario						
APPLICATION (/5)	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Below level 1	Comments
Demonstrates a clear understanding and application of the relevant law to the case fact scenario including • Identifying the relevant parties in the case fact scenario • Ability to explain why and how the relevant tort law principles and concepts apply to the case fact scenario • Identifying and applying relevant case law and/or legislation in explaining which principles of tort law apply to the case fact scenario						
THINKING (/5)	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Below level 1	Comments
Uses critical legal thinking skills to • provide clear support for your reasoning as to why the tort law principles and applicable case law and/or legislation you have identified and applied to the case fact scenario supports your conclusions as to what the likely outcome should be • demonstrate your ability to identify which parties have a claim and which parties are						

exposed to legal liability based on the facts provided and the relevant case law and/or legislation that applies to the case fact scenario						
COMMUNICATION (/5)	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Below level 1	Comments
Legal reasoning & application of the relevant tort law principles to the case fact scenario are effectively organized and applied including • title page and clear headings (titles and subtitles) • use of appropriate academic and legal vocabulary • use of concise, clear, coherent and effective language • proper use of grammar and spelling • proper use and application of research skills and the sources cited which incorporate and use relevant primary and secondary sources • proper use of MLA or APA citation						