Family Law Education Reform Project

William Mitchell Drafting Contract Clauses Evaluation

OVERVIEW

This document is an evaluation for a drafting contract clauses exercise.

EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

This evaluation may be used to assess students' performances in a drafting contract clauses exercise. It may be distributed to students in the form of feedback, used to grade each student's performance, or both.

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Contract Clauses Evaluation Sheet

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William Mitchell College of Law (Writing & Representation: Advice & Persuasion)

Professor: _____   Student: _____   Score: _____
                                                                                (up to 9 points)

Secures favorable legal position for your client

unsatisfactory   satisfactory   excellent

States facts accurately
States parties' agreements accurately

unsatisfactory   satisfactory   excellent

Properly frames clauses, e.g., promise, condition, privilege

unsatisfactory   satisfactory   excellent

Employs realistic standards
Uses practical concepts—precise yet appropriately flexible
Cleanly defines specified term

unsatisfactory   satisfactory   excellent

Avoids or minimizes ambiguity

unsatisfactory   satisfactory   excellent

Perceptively assesses sample clause

unsatisfactory   satisfactory   excellent

States fair undickered terms

unsatisfactory   satisfactory   excellent