UPPER-LEVEL WRITING REQUIREMENT
REGISTRATION FORM

Student (print name): .........................................................................................................................

Law ID #: ______________________          Semester (circle and complete):  Fall / Spring 20__________

Supervising Faculty Member (print name): __________________________________________________

The upper-level writing requirement can be satisfied by the student completing an original analytic paper of
substantial length (approximately 30 pages). Note that the minimum page expectations for some written products
used to satisfy the upper-level writing requirement are currently under review and may be increased. Students will
be notified of any changes. Papers satisfying this requirement may be seminar papers, independent study projects,
law journal notes, or any other paper that possesses the necessary rigor.

A project proposed to fulfill the upper-level writing requirement must involve significant and thorough independent
research on the part of the student, and the paper is to be well written and properly documented, with appropriate
attention to opposing arguments and perspectives.

The paper must be prepared under the supervision of a faculty member. As part of the supervision, the faculty
member will review one or more drafts and subsequent revisions by the student. The supervising faculty member
may augment the requirements of this rule with additional stated expectations for the project. Where the writing is
done in connection with a seminar, this form must be signed by the supervising faculty member and
submitted to the Office of the Registrar before the end of the drop/add period for the semester in which the
seminar is offered. For fairness in grading, the supervising faculty member may choose to base the student’s final
grade on the first draft of the paper unless all students are expected or permitted to submit an early draft of their
paper and receive revisions as a matter of course. A faculty member may limit the number of students in a seminar
or other course who may use the course paper to satisfy this requirement.

When the paper is complete, the faculty member must certify that it meets the requirements of Rule 3-31, that any
additional requirements established by the faculty member have been satisfied, and that the paper is of satisfactory
quality.

A faculty member may certify that a series of papers or some combination of shorter papers satisfies the expected
length requirement, as long as the faculty member concludes that, in the aggregate, the papers satisfy the intended
purpose of the writing requirement.

Dual-degree students may satisfy the writing requirement through a substantial research paper on a law-related topic
in a course taken in the school or department of the second degree, provided that the student obtains the necessary
certification by a Law School governing faculty member.

Select one:  □ Seminar Paper     □ Independent Study Project      □ Law Journal Note      □ Other

Course Name / Topic of Project (circle one): ......................................................................................

Signature of Supervising Faculty Member          Signature of Student

Date: __________________

The student must submit this form to the Law School Office of the Registrar, Room 2027.