

Bridging the Gap Between Required 1L and 2L Legal Writing Courses: The Evolving Roles of Students and Professors

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Challenge: Knowledge Transfer between the 1L and 2L Years



VLS Legal Writing Program

- ◆ Fall of 2013 – LW Program at Villanova Law restructured to require a third semester of practical writing
- ◆ Changes to the first year LW program
- ◆ Third semester of LW – transactional writing or appellate advocacy

Role of Professors and Students

- First year LW course
- Second year appellate advocacy course – expectations versus reality



Role of Professors and Students

Professor &
Student

Employer &
New Lawyer



Brainstorming: Bridging the Gap Between First and Second Year LW Courses

- What can we do to increase knowledge transfer between the first and second year?

