Performance standards for Legal Studies
Stage 2

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| - | Understanding and Application | Analysis and Evaluation | Communication |
| A | Perceptive understanding of the ways that the legal system balances competing tensions.Astute application of legal principles and processes to specific contexts.Thorough and focused research to select, apply, and appropriately acknowledge a range of relevant sources. | Perceptive analysis and evaluation of concepts, legal principles, processes, or problems.Insightful evaluation of arguments or issues to reach a convincing conclusion and/or make informed recommendations. | Clear and effective communication of legal concepts, opinions, and arguments. |
| B | Substantial understanding of the ways that the legal system balances competing tensions.Proficient application of legal principles and processes to specific contexts.Well-informed research to select and appropriately acknowledge a range of relevant sources. | Well-considered analysis and evaluation of concepts, legal principles, processes, or problems.Well-considered evaluation of legal arguments or issues to reach a mostly convincing conclusion and/or make mostly informed recommendations. | Mostly clear and effective communication of legal concepts, opinions, and arguments. |
| C | Sound understanding of the ways that the legal system balances competing tensions.Generally informed application of legal principles and processes to specific contexts.Adequate research to select and appropriately acknowledge a range of relevant sources. | Adequate analysis and evaluation of concepts, legal principles, processes, or problems.Sound evaluation of legal arguments or issues to reach a conclusion and/or make recommendations. | Generally effective communication of legal concepts, opinions, and arguments. |
| D | Some understanding of the ways that the legal system balances competing tensions.Partial application of legal principles and processes to specific contexts.Some research to select and appropriately acknowledge a range of relevant sources. | Some analysis and evaluation of concepts, legal principles, processes, or problems.Partial evaluation of legal arguments or issues to reach a conclusion and/or make recommendations. | Some communication of legal concepts, opinions, and arguments. |
| E | Limited understanding of the ways that the legal system balances competing tensions.Limited application of legal principles and processes to specific contexts.Rudimentary research, selection, and acknowledgement of a range of sources. | Limited analysis of concepts, legal principles, processes, or problems.Limited consideration of legal arguments or issues to reach a vague or unsubstantiated conclusion and/or recommendation. | Limited communication of legal concepts, opinions, and arguments. |