

**Florida Coastal School of Law**  
**Method for Satisfying the Advanced Legal Writing Requirement**

Each student must satisfy the ALWR as a pre-requisite to graduation. Students must satisfy the ALWR by meeting the ALWR writing project requirements in an ALWR course at FCSL, or through an independent study with a full-time faculty member at FCSL, and earning a grade of "C" or better on the ALWR writing project requirements. Moot Court members may satisfy the ALWR by completing a written project (appellate brief) that the faculty advisor certifies as satisfying the ALWR. The course schedule indicates courses that may satisfy the ALWR. These courses may vary from semester to semester.

Students who enroll in an ALWR course that has an exam option must elect within two weeks of the beginning of the semester whether they will satisfy the ALWR in the course, and such election is irrevocable.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Division (circle one): Day                  Evening

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One	Method Used to Satisfy ALWR	Semester/Year
	Paper prepared in conjunction with seminar Seminar Title: _____ Instructor: _____	
	Independent Study Program Professor: _____	
	Legal Drafting Course Course Title: _____ Instructor: _____	
	Law Review/Moot Court Project (note, comment, brief): _____ Advisor: _____	
	Option in a course for which a paper is required. Course: _____ Instructor: _____	

**Certification Regarding  
Standards for Advanced Legal Writing Requirement**

Papers submitted for fulfillment of the ALWR must meet the following standards (in addition to the other standards contained in the Student Handbook):

1. Each ALWR writing project must be the student's own work.
2. Except for ALWR writing projects that consist of simulated client communications or similar drafting projects, ALWR writing projects must contain appropriate citations to the source material. Citations must be proper and complete. Students must accurately use information obtained from sources.
3. Students must produce a high level written product that would be acceptable to the target audience for the work, which includes the professor as well as practicing attorneys, judges and clients, as appropriate.
4. Each ALWR writing project should adhere to the rules of grammar and punctuation. ALWR writing projects should be well-organized, precise and appropriately formatted, based on the type of project and its target audience. The text and footnotes (if required) shall be in Times New Roman 12 point type.
5. Students must adhere to deadlines set by the supervising faculty member.
6. In addition to the standards set forth in this certification and the Student Handbook, ALWR writing projects must satisfy the standards set by the supervising faculty member, which will of necessity vary depending on the nature of the course or writing project.
7. The supervising faculty member must certify compliance with the ALWR Project Standards, indicating below which of the ALWR Project Standards in the student Handbook are applicable to this student's ALWR work:

- a. Law Review Article or Similar Academic Work \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Non-Appellate Brief or Memoranda of Law \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Appellate Brief \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Other Project Approved by Vice Dean (describe): \_\_\_\_\_  
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I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ has satisfied the ALWR requirements and standards set out in the Student Handbook, Section V.B., based on the ALWR Project Standards identified in paragraph 7, and has earned a grade of \_\_\_\_\_.

Overall Course Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Professor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_