

PAPER: GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- **Length**
 - Aproximately 2,000 words or 3 to 4 pages
- **Language**
 - Correct use of English (spelling, grammar, and clarity) is a requirement.
- **Deadline**
 - The deadline for the submission of the paper is November 24, 2014 at 7 pm.
 - You must hand in your paper personally IN CLASS.
- **Citation method**
 - Canadian Guide to Uniform Legal citation.
- **Research**
 - You are expected to research about the topic and to read from several sources for the elaboration of your paper.

Substance of the paper

Task. Choose a problem dealing with the legal regulation of close adult relationships. It can be a problem that we discussed in class; or it may be a problem that you thought of in connection with this course. You need to write a persuasive paper. The purpose of your article is to state and prove your thesis. You need to persuade your reader that your prescriptive claim, i.e., the solution to the selected legal problem, is doctrinally sound. In other words, you need to convince the reader that your thesis is correct and that it is the best way of solving the problem you have identified.

Nature and organization of the paper

- The purpose of your article is to state and prove your thesis.
- Use meaningful titles to introduce the article and each section.
- Transition smoothly between issues to assure logical flow.
- Address the opposing arguments that others could make against your thesis.
- The paper must make specific reference to debates, class activities, and problems discussed in class.

- A good essay is one that engages with the topics, discussions, activities, and readings that we covered in class. A poor essay is one which ignores what happens in class.
- Don't use class discussions, activities, and readings as mere afterthoughts or simple references in your essay. These have to be the central aspect of your essay.
- **Drafts**
 - You can hand in as many drafts as you want for feedback.
- **Evaluation criteria**
 - Please refer to the course syllabus for the specific evaluation criteria.
- **Individual task**
 - The writing of the paper is an individual enterprise.