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WRITING SAMPLE

This is an excerpt of a motion for judgment of acquittal that I wrote during the spring semester of my first-year Lawyering class. I represented defendant Harris, who had been charged with identity theft under ORS 165.800 after he used a teacher's identity to reach out to students with sexual and flirtatious messages. Identity theft under ORS 165.800 requires "intent to defraud." Defendant argued that, because "intent to defraud" under ORS 165.800 requires an intent to interfere with another person's legal rights or interests, his actions did not constitute identity theft.

OR

This is an excerpt of an appellate brief that I wrote during the spring semester of my first-year Lawyering class. I represented the State of Oregon, which had obtained the conviction of defendant Garcia for assault in the first degree. On appeal, defendant argued that the trial court had erred in denying his motion to suppress after he made incriminating statements during a police interview after he had invoked his right to counsel. The state contended that defendant's statements were insufficient to alert police of his desire to speak to an attorney.

For purposes of this writing sample, I have omitted (1) the state's response to defendant's alternative assignment of error, in which he challenged the admission of evidence and (2) the following sections of the brief: Jurisdictional Statement; Statement of the Case; and Standard of Review.

OR

This is an excerpt of a research paper that I wrote for my Oregon Government Law class. I proposed that the Oregon Legislative Assembly should amend the Oregon Public Records Law to require prior notice to a person whose personal information has been requested when a public body has concluded that disclosure would not be an unreasonable invasion of privacy. For purposes of this writing sample, I have included only the section in which I argued that the amendment would likely be upheld by the courts under Article I, section 9, of the Oregon Constitution as not unduly restraining speech.