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HOW THE 1L LEGAL ANALYSIS AND WRITING COURSE CAN BRING THE “REAL WORLD” OF LAW PRACTICE TO THE CLASSROOM

**BUILDING**  
*the Law Firm*

- **Syllabi:** Professor is partner; students are associates
- **Weekly Assigning Memos:** Law firm memo format; students do work for and meet with the partner
- **Professional Expectations:** Explicitly outlined in a course document

**MANAGING**  
*the Law Firm*

- **Writing Assignments:** Law firm memo format about “real” clients
- **Class Discussion:** Real life issues for the clients
- **Preparation and Time Management:** Associates conference with the partner; preparation, efficiency, and deadlines are highlighted

**RESULTS**  
*of the Firm Method*

- **Reviews:** Favorable student feedback
- **Outcome:** Students’ recognition and improvement of professionalism skills



**EVALUATING**  
*the Associates*

- **Problem Instructions:** Preparation for the conference with the partner is graded
- **Reflection:** On professionalism issues

