Peterson Engineering Consultants Assignment Rubric

Criteria	Non-performance	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Distinguished
1. Thoughtful completion of Tasks One –Four.	Does not complete all tasks or completes some/all tasks without demonstrating thoughtful work. (Points: 0)	Thoughtfully completes two or fewer tasks. (Points: 1)	Thoughtfully completes three or fewer tasks. (Points: 2)	Thoughtfully completes Tasks One through Four. (Points: 3)
2. Use legal memo format in Task Five similar to the example provided.	Memo is not formatted in a structure recognized as a legal memo. (Points: 0)	Uses a general legal memo format but deviates significantly from the generally-accepted format. (Points: 1)	Uses a proper format with minor deviations. (Points: 2)	Uses the legal memo format provided effectively and professionally. (Points: 3)
3. Employ accurate and objective legal reasoning and case comparisons to strengthen analysis in Task Five.	Does not employ proper legal reasoning or case comparisons. (Points: 0)	Employs some legal reasoning but does not objectively and accurately apply the law to the facts. (Points: 1)	Employs accurate and objective legal reasoning but does not employ case comparisons. (Points: 2)	Employs accurate and objective legal reasoning by linking the law with the relevant facts and includes effective case comparisons to strengthen analysis and articulate factual similarities or differences that are compelling. (Points: 3)
4. Employ the IRAC construct	Does not employ the IRAC construct. (Points: 0)	Employs the IRAC construct but does not properly	Employs the IRAC construct to clearly delineate each	Employs the IRAC construct to clearly delineate each

correctly in Task Five.		position all components. (Points: 1)	element and properly positions each component. (Points: 2)	element, properly positions all components, and uses proper transitions and guiding signposts. (Points: 3)
5. Employ the Bluebook style rules to insert legal citations in proper form and in correct places with few citation errors in Task Five.	Does not use Bluebook form. (Points: 0)	Follows Bluebook style rules but includes a distracting number of citation errors. (Points: 1)	Employs the Bluebook style rules to insert legal citations in proper form and in correct places with few citation errors. (Points: 2)	Employs the Bluebook style rules to insert legal citations in proper form and in correct places with no citation errors. (Points: 3)
6. Demonstrate legal writing that is clear, organized, properly-formatted for the assignment, and relatively free of errors.	Demonstrates poor writing that is unclear, disorganized, ineffective, and full of errors. (Points: 0)	Demonstrates writing that has some lack of clarity, minimal organization, and a distracting number of errors. (Points: 1)	Demonstrates clear writing that is well-organized and relatively free of errors. (Points: 2)	Demonstrates clear writing that is well-organized with effective paragraphs, guiding transitions, and free of errors. (Points: 3)