

# **Final Exam**

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# Final Exam Expectations

## Questions to Ask the Professor

1. Do you prefer I discuss multiple elements/issues in one IRAC or break each element/issue out into its own IRAC?
  - a. i.e. do you want me to address duty, breach, causation, and damages in one IRAC (of course utilizing topic sentences, paragraphs, and transitions) OR do you want an IRAC on breach, an IRAC on causation, etc. and then a final conclusion that wraps all the elements together?
2. If I determine that one element is not met or that one issue concludes in a certain way which makes other elements/issues moot, do you still want me to carry on analyzing other elements/issues?
3. Is there an order in which you prefer I address issues? Is there a certain issue I should always start with in every problem?
  - a. i.e. should the first issue in every contracts problem be addressing whether a contract exists or not (offer, acceptance, consideration); or do you want me to start with the only matter at issue, i.e. was there consideration, or was the anticipatory repudiation valid?
4. Do you want me to present my response in IRAC format, or some other modified or completely different format?
  - a. If the professor wants something other than IRAC, ask if he or she has a sample answer or template in the desired format.
5. Do you want me to analyze questions under both bodies of law we learned, i.e. common law and penal code, or just one?
6. Do you want me to refer to cases we read in my analysis?
  - a. Do you want me to do that by name or is it enough if I recap the fact pattern and holding?
7. What are your pet peeves when it comes to student answers on final exams?
8. What is required to turn an adequate answer into an exceptional answer?