

Developing an Outline

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What is an Outline?

- Study Tool
 - Personal Use
 - Different than Notes
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Why Outline?

- Organize and Manage Large Amount of Material
 - Effective Way to Study
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How To Outline

- What you will need
 - Your class notes (including your case briefs)
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How To Brief a Case

- Case Name
 - Legally Relevant Facts
 - Procedural Posture
 - Issue(s)
 - question before the court?
 - *what am I supposed to learn about _____ from this case?*
 - Holding
 - Legal Lesson(s)
 - Reasoning (including concurrence(s)/dissent(s))
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How To Outline

- What you will need
 - Your class notes (including your case briefs)
 - Your casebook and all other assigned course materials (*e.g.*, supplements, codes, etc.)
 - The course syllabus
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Putting Together Your Outline

- Begin with Syllabus and TOC
 - Enter TOC into document
 - Incorporate Legal Principles
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What to Do With Your Outline

- Let it grow
 - Update weekly
 - Print it out
 - Cross reference notes
 - Capsule summary
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Questions?
