Welcome to Lawyering Skills.

1. For our **first class** on Wednesday, Aug. 16\(^{th}\) (from 1:00-3:00 pm in Room 203), please read:
   
   a. This interesting article (copy and paste this cite into your browser) on slow versus skim reading:

   https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/serious-reading-takes-a-hit-from-online-scanning-and-skimming-researchers-say/2014/04/06/088028d2-b5d2-11e3-b899-20667de76985_story.html?utm_term=.7ddb0e70fed8

   *Query: Does the essence of this piece ring true to you?*

   b. Pages 3-13 (all of Chapter 1) of the main course text Coughlin, Rocklin, & Patrick, *A LAWYER WRITES: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO LEGAL ANALYSIS* (2\(^{nd}\) ed. 2013) (ALW). These pages explain objective legal analysis and offer a sample office memorandum. Be sure to note the margin annotations when reading the sample memo on pages 5-9.

   c. ALW pp. 43-56 (Part III of Chapter 3) (reading judicial opinions)

2. For our **second class** on Thursday, Aug. 17\(^{th}\) (from 9:00-11:00 am in Room 203), please read:

   a. ALW pp. 15-31 (all of Chapter 2) (sources of law/stare decisis)
   
   b. ALW pp. 57-66 (all of Chapter 4) (finding the governing rule)
   
   c. ALW pp. 81-85 (all of Chapter 6) (the structure of one legal argument)