**WILLIAM & MARY LAW SCHOOL**

**INDEPENDENT LEGAL RESEARCH/WRITING REQUEST**

*Submit the completed form to the Law School Registrar no later than the last day of add/drop.*

**Term the course will be taken (circle one):** FALL SPRING SUMMER

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Student ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Course: \_\_\_\_** LAW 704 01 Legal Research (1 credit hour)

**\_\_\_\_** LAW 705 01 Independent Legal Writing (2 credit hours)

**Subject area or project title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**A brief description of the project MUST be attached.**

GENERAL POLICY

Faculty should require regular consultations regarding the writing project and the submission of a draft. Specifically for **LAW 705 01** the student will be expected to interact and consult throughout the writing process with the faculty supervisor. At a minimum the student will be expected to submit a topic statement, an outline, a first draft, and a revised final draft to the faculty supervisor. The faculty supervisor will comment on the submitted documents and suggest, if needed, additional avenues for research, alternative arguments, changes in organization, and other revisions. Attention will be given both to the substance and the form of the written product. Both LAW 704 01 and LAW 705 01 are graded courses. Though one may enroll in LAW 704 and LAW 705 simultaneously, two distinct papers must be produced. It is not permissible to combine the credits to create a longer paper.

The American Bar Association standards for accrediting law schools require not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and two hours of out-of-class student work per week, or the equivalent amount of work over the course of the semester, for each credit awarded.

Because independent research and writing projects do not involve classroom instruction, students are therefore expected to spend an amount of time equal to at least three hours of work each week on research, writing, and other work related to the writing project for each credit earned.

Further guidelines are found online at http://law.wm.edu/academics/howto/register/index.php

*Please note that independent projects are due no later than the last day of exams for the semester in which the student is registered. No extensions of this deadline will be granted except under extraordinary circumstances. Permission for an extension must be obtained from the instructor and the Associate Dean for Administration.*

SIGNATURES:

Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please print Faculty name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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