

# LAWYERING PROCESS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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The Lawyering Process Program at Phoenix International School of Law (PISL) provides a student-centered legal education which prepares its graduates to be practice ready. The PISL Lawyering Process faculty members have experience practicing law, serving as jurists and are professionals with expertise in teaching legal research, writing and advocacy skills.

Lawyering Process I, Lawyering Process II and the Legal Writing Workshops are all designed to be taken during the first year. Training in manual and computer-assisted legal research is provided. Students are required to draft numerous documents, including client letters, inter-office memoranda, demand letters, motions, pleadings, and trial/appellate briefs. Predictive and persuasive writing skills and oral argument skills are taught. Students in Lawyering Process II will compete in oral arguments before panels of practicing lawyers and judges.

As PISL continues to build its curriculum, the Lawyering Process Program will offer additional research and writing courses with specific emphasis, such as Advanced Legal Writing, Writing for Scholarship, Legal Drafting, Advanced Legal Research, participation in various local and national writing competitions, and Bar Exam Prep. Through the Infusion Curriculum, the Lawyering Process Program will work closely with other faculty to provide the students with practice-ready skills.

Phoenix International School of Law's curriculum is a model for other institutions. The emphasis on the process of lawyering reflects Phoenix International's commitment to equipping its graduates to be global leaders that can serve a variety of clients, in a variety of roles and in a manner that reflects analytical, research and communication skills.