



## VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

### REQUEST BY STUDENT TO TAKE LAW 315, INDEPENDENT READING & RESEARCH (for 3Ls only) (adopted by the Faculty on April 24, 2014)

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

I request approval of the writing project described in the attached 1-page abstract to fulfill my 3L writing requirement. (Please staple to this form.)

I also understand and agree to the following guidelines:

1. Law 315 requires an immersive writing experience to fulfill the 3L writing requirement for graduation.
2. **Law 315 (2 credits) is only be available for a LETTER GRADE. This is not an S/U option.**
3. **The project will be chosen by the student and will be proposed to and approved by the supervising faculty member before registration.**
4. Both the writing and research are to be done independently.
5. The project does not need to be a traditional scholarly paper, but it should be an in-depth writing experience that reflects both extensive research and original analysis.
6. There will be an initial draft and a final version.
7. The initial draft will be submitted to the supervising faculty member and will be subject to heavy commenting to aid the student in improving research and writing skills, the goal of the 3L writing requirement.
8. The paper's length must be 25 to 35 pages, footnoted as appropriate.

Fall/Spring/Summer 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Faculty Supervisor/Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_ Print Name of Faculty Supervisor/Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Associate Dean

\_\_\_\_\_ Date