

Legal Memorandum

Use this template to analysis of [legal issue] with research and conclusions.

Template Metadata

Field	Details
Category	Legal
Owner	[Team or owner]
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Issue Presented

State the legal question precisely, framing it in terms of the applicable law and the client's specific facts.

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Brief Answer

Provide a concise, direct answer to the issue (1-2 paragraphs). State the likely outcome and the key reasoning.

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Facts

Present the relevant facts in an objective, chronological narrative. Include only facts material to the legal analysis. Identify any disputed facts.

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Discussion

Analyze the issue thoroughly. State the governing legal rule, apply the rule to the client's facts, and address counterarguments. Use IRAC structure (Issue, Rule, Application, Conclusion) for each sub-issue. Cite.

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Conclusion

Summarize the analysis and provide a clear recommendation. Identify any remaining uncertainties or areas requiring further research. Use formal legal writing conventions. Avoid first person. Be objective and balanced,.

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Review and Signoff

Document review conclusions, approvals, unresolved items, and next review date.

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