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To: First-Year Associates

From: Brandi Bickering, Senior Partner Re: Memo Requirements

Mr. Connolly continues his pursuit of our firm in his quest to get his case in the federal court system. Since this makes your recommendation even more important, I have generated a list of topics that the senior partners want you to address in your memo to the Senior Partners. Your memo should state your recommendation as to whether the firm should accept or reject the case and explain your reasoning.

Please be aware that you may be asked to defend your argument by me or another partner, as often happens during oral arguments in front of the a federal court. Each of you should be prepared to answer questions asked. One thing you must keep in mind is that, even though we are being recruited by Mr. Connolly, the political views of the senior partners (like Federal Court Justices) vary considerably. You will be addressing political conservatives as well as liberals, and educational experts as well as former women’s rights attorneys. In other words, because it is impossible to appease everyone’s political and emotional ties, make sure your arguments rest on logic, reason, and sound legal thinking. Your arguments for the senior partners should include:

1. The role of the 5th and 14th Amendments (equal protection)
   1. Do the 5th and 14th Amendments apply? Why or why not?
2. An *amicus curiae* brief that relates to your argument
3. A precedent case that will support your argument

Please make sure that your argument includes at least three argument paragraphs, as well as an introduction and conclusion. The amendments, briefs, and precedent case should be the evidence you use in your argument. Remember, this should be based in legal thinking, not political opinion.