



“There are greater expectations on our students to hit the ground running. This new program will help our students meet those expectations.”

—Heather Kern Slovensky,
Lawyering: Foundations Program Director

DEVELOPING SKILLFUL WRITERS: Smaller sections. More assignments. Individualized feedback. Double the credit hours. Georgia State Law transforms its legal writing program into **Lawyering Foundations** to **mirror the demands of practice**.

“Writing is fundamental to all courses. Writing cannot be esoteric. It has to be concrete. Our students must be professionals who have the skills necessary to execute the law.”

—Wendy Hensel, Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development

The **Lawyering: Foundations Program**, a reimagining of the former Research, Writing and Advocacy course, focuses on developing **writing** and **analysis skills** that prepare students to hit the ground running after graduation. Program highlights include:

- Writing legal memoranda
- Writing trial and appellate briefs
- Conducting witness interviews
- Drafting contracts
- Drafting business emails and client letters
- Smaller courses, breakout workshops with one-on-one feedback
- More credit hours—now six; up from three

Recurring, smaller scope assignments reflective of those a young lawyer completes in practice replace the large-scale, infrequent assignments of the past. Classes have been broken down into **30-student sections**, and subdivided into **15-student workshops** throughout the semester to facilitate **one-on-one** and **small group critiques**.

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