

WRITING SAMPLES

When should I provide a writing sample? Only when requested to do so by the employer. Be prepared, however, by bringing a copy of your writing sample to an interview. Do not offer it unless the employer asks for it which will sometimes be at the second or third interview.

What should I use as a writing sample? Select a sample that is sufficiently recent to demonstrate your current writing and analysis skills. Good writing samples are legal writing -- persuasive writing that allows the employer to evaluate advocacy skills. Unless you are a first-year law student, most employers want to read a writing sample that you drafted as a law clerk or intern. Among your best choices for a writing sample are memoranda or briefs..

