

Sample cover sheet for writing sample:

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Writing Sample

This writing sample is an excerpt from a memo I wrote for my first-year legal writing course based on my own research. My professor critiqued a previous draft.

Background facts:

Two married couples, the Millers and the Daleys, own adjacent residential lots. The Millers' property abuts the Daleys' property from the north. More than twenty years ago, the Millers planted a line of trees from east to west within the Daleys' property, operating on the mistaken belief that their land extended thirty feet south beyond the actual, surveyed property line. Since that time, the Millers and Daleys each used the thirty-foot strip of property occasionally. The Millers claim ownership of the thirty-foot strip through adverse possession. This excerpt of the discussion addresses whether the Millers can establish exclusive use of the Daleys' property, a required element of adverse possession.