

Sample cover sheet for writing sample:

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Writing Sample

This writing sample is an excerpt from a legal memorandum I wrote for my first-year legal writing course based on my own research. My professor critiqued a previous draft of this memo, and this version incorporates his suggestions.

Background facts:

The plaintiffs in this case, the Millers, and the defendants, the Daleys, own adjacent residential lots. The Millers' property abuts the Daleys' property from the north. 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 have occasionally used the thirty-foot strip of property. The Millers have now sued the Daleys for adverse possession of the thirty-foot strip. This excerpt of the discussion addresses whether the Millers can establish exclusive use of the Daleys' property, a required element of adverse possession.