

Organization

Legal Writing:
Precision and Persuasion

Two key components

- Organizational scheme
- Signposting

Organizational scheme

- Organizational scheme is the way the document is broken into pieces.
- The organizational scheme should reflect the law.

For example, negligence:

A discussion of negligence could be broken into:

- Duty
- Breach
- Cause
- Harm

But would this work?

Negligence

- Duty
- Breach
- Cause in fact
- Foreseeability
- Harm

This is better

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