



THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL

Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism is an extremely serious offense that may result in disciplinary action. There are two major types of plagiarism:

1. Failure to cite the source of an idea; and
2. Failure to use quotation marks around a direct quote.
 - a. Use of an idea. If you use the idea (or an organization) of another author, you must attribute that idea to the other author. Merely paraphrasing the other author's words is not sufficient. You must also cite to the other source.
 - b. Use of the same words. If you use the idea and the words of another author, you must put quotation marks around those words and cite to the source. Both are required. If either the quotation marks or the citation is missing, you have plagiarized the other author's work.

Intent is not required for a writing to be plagiarized.

Using the ideas or words of another student may also be plagiarism.

Regardless of what rules you may have followed on this subject before law school, or what practices you may observe elsewhere, this is the standard that you must adhere to in all of your Lawyering Skills classes, in all seminar papers, and in all honors programs. This definition may be supplemented for Lawyering Skills classes.