

Final Product Proposal

Introduction and Statement of Purpose:

For my final semester this year in ISM, I particularly want to create something tangible and useful to the world around me. Although I was incredibly interested in the research I completed for my Original Work, I want my Final Product to be something that would genuinely benefit my mentor or community. For my Final Product, I want to create a cohesive pamphlet for people trying to obtain legal services from Mosaic Family Services. Because of the wide variety of questions that so many different people have regarding their case and what the terms and information given to them means, I think this could be incredibly useful for not only Mosaic clients, but lots of people that have questions regarding their human rights law case. For my Final Product, I would like to communicate people at Mosaic to determine potential questions clients may have as well as do extensive research to help brainstorm possible situations and scenarios for people undergoing a case at Mosaic. The purpose will be not only to help Mosaic, but all of the clients that they serve.

Review of Skills and Research:

Several research topics that I have been studying this year will be required for my Final Product to be successful. Particularly, my knowledge of nonprofit law firms and what kinds of cases they take on will affect the information I compile to put in the pamphlet about nonprofit law services. Because I want my information guide to be as all-encompassing as possible, I will not only lay out what each lawyer at Mosaic provides and what that means for the client, but I also want to include information on what the client can expect in various common cases, as well as an FAQ. I'm going to compile this all using research I've already done and research I will conduct on patterns in different court cases, both culturally and with different case options. to make my pamphlet as thorough as possible.

In addition to the research I will need in order for my Final Product to be well-developed, I will also need to utilize many of the skills I've gained in ISM this year in synthesizing information. A large part of this project will be using the knowledge I have gained to brainstorm potential questions to then answer, so I will not only be thinking of different possibilities, but I will also have to be able to come up with well-explained answers to a variety of different questions.

Methodology:

- Research different cases of Mosaic and what they mean for the client
- Consider as many different real cases as possible
- Research common case-handlings
 - How long will a case last?
 - Difference between most common visas?
 - When do cases make it to court?
 - What does each lawyer at Mosaic accomplish for a case?
- Log and keep track of all information I have gained
- Research different cases and gain knowledge from my mentor and others working in Mosaic regarding valuable information my pamphlet could provide
- Create the actual pamphlet with
 - Clean explanations and descriptions -- well thought-out and thorough
 - Valuable questions that are cohesively answered in a simplistic, but well-explained way that would be most valuable to the client

Materials:

I anticipate that I will primarily need my laptop and the means of getting my pamphlet printed out-- right now I'm imagining that I will get it printed at a print shop like that of Staples, probably more than one copy because I don't anticipate them to be too long or expensive to print. I doubt the cost will exceed \$30, depending on how many copies I end up printing.

Utilization of Higher-Level Thinking:

Of everything I've worked on this year in ISM, I anticipate this project to take the most higher-level thinking of it all. I think that my Final Product will require me to heavily synthesize, by taking all the information that I will be compiling over the rest of the semester and creating something new through my pamphlet. In addition, I will have to be able to critically evaluate my work in order to create the most concise, yet fully encompassing, product that I can which hopefully will be simplistic enough that it can be beneficial to a broad range of people, but still thorough enough that it helps clients understand what they're going through and the next steps they will have to take in their case. I will likely analyze the least, but it will still occur, in that I will have to recognize patterns and helpful information to make my pamphlet as helpful to others as possible.

Conclusions:

I think overall my product will be very useful. Throughout this year, my main goal has been that by the end of the year, I want to have created something that breaches the walls of the ISM classroom to help people outside of my FHS bubble. I truly think that creating a pamphlet will not only help Mosaic in that they will be able to help clients that are concerned and confused with their case and are looking for a straightforward way to get answers, but also beneficial to the mental peace of the clients, hopefully allowing them to have a better understanding of what they are going through, and with it, some mental security. I even think that if it was done well enough and was helpful to not only the needs of Mosaic, it could be spread across the DFW area to a variety of nonprofit lawyers, so all of their clients could too access the information that I will have compiled. Overall, I think that my product could be extremely useful, and I hope that it will help a multitude of people after its creation and implementation.

Timeline:

Week of January 28:

- Communicate with mentor solidifying plans for Final Product
- See what changes need to be made to Proposal and calendar, update anything that needs to be fixed

Week of February 4:

- Begin researching different aspects of domestic violence and human rights law
- Determine what information needs to primarily be conveyed in the pamphlet

Week of February 11:

- Research different kinds of cases and how they are usually handled
- Discuss with mentor what expectations for cases might be

Week of February 18:

- Compile information on what I have gathered so far
- Write research papers that put all of the online research I have done so far into the same accessible place

Week of February 25:

- Start brainstorming what needs to go on the pamphlet
- Decide what I want the basic outline of the pamphlet to look like

Week of March 4:

- Use the research information I have used to brainstorm how common cases usually go, to include this information in my research
- Create a mock-up of the pamphlet on paper to get an idea of how much space everything needs

Week of March 11:

- Continue putting together the pamphlet, trying to find the most valuable questions and important information to stress in it
- Keep researching and writing information up in a useable way for the public
- Bulk of creating the virtual pamphlet will occur now

Week of March 18:

- Continue working on putting the pamphlet together, trying to create something visually appealing and still very informational
- Discuss with my mentor the aspects of the pamphlet that should be stressed the most to be most beneficial to clients
- Finish up Final Presentation Night invitation

Week of March 25:

- Put all of my research papers that I have written up together along with the pamphlet that at this point should almost be completed, except for the FAQ which I am still waiting on to meet with my mentor about
- Begin considering Final Presentation Night and my final speech
- Order as many needed copies for my Final Presentation Night invitations

Week of April 1:

- Reach out to people in Mosaic to determine the most common question received from clients to determine the most valuable ones to include in my pamphlet
- Writing final speech, to continue revising it over the next few weeks as time goes on and I get closer to the final product
- Discuss things that my mentor thinks are most important in my speech

Week of April 8:

- Share the pamphlet with my mentor, get any feedback from her to make changes on the content before week of proofreading
- Familiarize self with printing options and decide on how want the pamphlet to be printed, pricing, how many, etc.

Week of April 15:

- Put the final touches on the pamphlet before sending to the printer
- All final read-throughs, looking for any possible mistakes

Week of April 22:

- Get the pamphlet(s) back from the printer
- Go over everything with mentor, if there are any mistakes, a reprint will need to occur as soon as possible

Week of April 29:

- Look over the Final Product, make sure all other reflection aspects have been completed before turning the Product in

Monday, May 7: Final Product is due