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legal writing in
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Writing for Lawyers: Strategies for Drafting Reader- Friendly Documents *with Dianne Rosky*

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Live webinar with chat

includes 30 day replay*

9:00 am – 10:30 am (Pacific)

10:00 am – 11:30 am (Mountain)

11:00 am – 12:30 pm (Central)

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm (Eastern)

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This program will benefit all lawyers who want to improve their written style and readability, and eliminate common writing and grammar mistakes that can undermine credibility.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Your ability to communicate effectively in writing can have an immense impact on your practice, and on the success of your firm as a whole. Clients, colleagues, and judges jump to all sorts of conclusions about you when they read your writing - how organized you are, how considerate you are, how smart you are, even how trustworthy you are. So how can you make your writing as clear and as credible as possible? This program will give you simple, powerful strategies for adjusting your writing so that even lay readers can easily understand and remember it. Using examples and exercises drawn from actual legal documents, former litigator and acclaimed legal writing instructor Dianne Rosky will share common legal writing weaknesses, including ineffective organization, weak paragraph structure, and convoluted sentences, and explain why these should be fixed, and how to fix them. You'll learn concrete techniques for:

- drafting effective introductions
- providing clear transitions and roadmaps
- using authority effectively
- writing clear, concrete sentences

The course is designed for lawyers of all experience levels and from all practice areas who want to make their legal writing more readable. Register early to avoid disappointment!

SCHEDULE (Eastern)

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Welcome and Introduction

Document organization

- Present a clear big picture
- Analytical vs. persuasive writing: key differences and special considerations

Paragraph construction

- Focus on the fundamentals
- Provide mini-roadmaps
- Use authority effectively

Sentence structure

Word choice

Program Wrap-up and Evaluation

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Praise from past program attendees:

- “Exceptionally helpful. I learned more in one hour than in one year of legal writing.”
- “Useful tips and tricks for law firm writing made this very worthwhile.”
- “Best CLE on writing I’ve ever taken. If I had her in law school, I would be a better writer today.”
- “Really enjoyed the simple layout of the materials and the organized manner in which they were presented. Most useful session.”
- “Excellent seminar. Partners and associates should be reminded annually to analyze their writing against these principles and themes.”
- “Wonderful. Ms. Rosky was engaging and focused on practical and effective legal writing techniques. Her exercises were not only useful but fun.”



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Meet Your Presenter, Dianne Rosky



Dianne Rosky is a leading legal writing instructor. She and her team have led hundreds of workshops throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. Before founding Rosky Legal Education in 2003, Dianne practiced commercial litigation

at two leading New York firms: Sullivan & Cromwell LLP and Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. Dianne left practice to teach legal writing and other lawyering skills in the Lawyering Program at New York University School of Law. She continues to be an Adjunct Professor of legal writing at NYU.

A *magna cum laude* graduate of Harvard Law School, Dianne was an Editor of the Harvard Law Review. She later served as a law clerk to the Honorable Robert W. Sweet of the Southern District of New York. Before law school, Dianne was an Editorial Assistant at Merriam-Webster, selecting and defining new dictionary entries. Dianne is responsible for putting carb, capoeira, and cash cow in the dictionary.

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