

Teaching Legal Writing



**A Conference for People Who Teach in or
Administer Legal Writing Programs**

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About This Conference

This conference is the third biennial conference on teaching legal writing. The conference, which is sponsored by the Legal Writing Institute, is designed for people who teach legal writing and for people who administer legal writing programs.

During the first half of the conference, the focus will be on the teaching of legal writing. Participants can select from among sessions and workshops on designing an effective curriculum, designing effective writing assignments, evaluating student papers, and teaching effectively. During the second half, participants will attend sessions that cover current research and issues in legal writing.

The conference will be held on the campus of the University of Puget Sound, in Tacoma, Washington. Among its activities will be a picnic on August 4th; a ferry trip and dinner in Seattle on August 5th; and an optional trip to Mount Rainier on August 6th. The University of Puget Sound is located in the heart of the Pacific Northwest, an excellent site for a vacation. Mount Rainier, Mount St. Helens, the San Juan Islands, Victoria, B.C., and Vancouver, B.C., all lie within a few hours' drive of the University.

Conference Schedule

Thursday, August 4

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-10:00 Keynote Address

10:15-12:00 Designing an Effective Curriculum
or
Teaching Legal Drafting

12:15-1:30 Luncheon
"Why Would Anyone Want to
Know About Plain English?"
Ken Morris, Siegel & Gale

1:45-2:45 Designing Writing Assignments
or
Teaching Students to Revise Contracts

3:00-5:00 Evaluating Student Papers:
• Diagnosing Writing Problems
• Teaching Revising
• Writing Effective Comments
• Working with Students

6:00 Picnic & Volleyball

Friday, August 5

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-12:00 Teaching Effectively:
• Classroom Teaching
• Student Conferences
• Collaborative Learning
• Teaching Students with Poor Writing
Skills
• Teaching Students with Accomplished
Writing Skills
• Teaching Appellate Advocacy
• Teaching Legal Research

12:15-1:45 Luncheon
"If You Can Revise the UCC,
You Can Revise Anything."
George Gopen, Duke University

2:00-4:00 Current Research in Teaching Legal
Writing
or
Using Legal Writing to Teach Analysis

5:00 Ferry Trip & Dinner in Seattle

Saturday, August 6

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-10:00 Training Legal Writing Instructors
or
Effective Use of Technology

10:15-11:15 Using Writing Specialists
or
The Politics of Teaching Legal Writing

11:30-12:30 How Writing is Done in Law Practice
or
Making Changes in Your Program

12:30-1:30 Lunch

2:00 Optional Trip to Mt. Rainier

Presenters

Gertrude Block
University of Florida
College of Law

Ralph Brill
Illinois Institute of Technology,
Chicago-Kent
College of Law

Susan Brody
John Marshall
Law School

John Dernbach
Author, *The Practical Guide to Legal
Writing and Legal Method*

Barbara Child
University of Florida
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Sid DeLong
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Anne Enquist
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Betsy Fagan
Brooklyn Law School

George Gopen
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School of Law

Patrick Hugg
Loyola University School of Law
New Orleans

Dennis Hynes
University of Colorado
School of Law

Ellen Mosen James
City University of New York
Law School at Queens College

Christina Kunz
William Mitchell
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Terri LeClerc
University of Texas

Jethro Lieberman
New York Law School

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Indiana University

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Wayne State University
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Chris Wren
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