

Book Notices

Aldisert, Ruggero J. *Opinion Writing*. 2d ed. Bloomington, Indiana: AuthorHouse, 2009. Pp. 368. \$34.95. Guidance from the venerable Third Circuit judge on how to improve judicial-writing skills.

Bouchoux, Deborah E. *Aspen Handbook for Legal Writing*. 2d ed. New York, New York & Riverwoods, Illinois: Aspen Publishers, 2009. Pp. 307. \$36.95. A reasonably compact guide for students that includes online resources for every topic.

Coughlin, Christine; Joan Malmud; and Sandy Patrick. *A Lawyer Writes: A Practical Guide to Legal Analysis*. Durham, North Carolina: Carolina Academic Press, 2008. Pp. 312. \$33. A new basic introduction to legal method, analysis, and writing.

DeCaro, Lisa L.; and Leonard Matheo. *The Lawyer's Winning Edge: Exceptional Courtroom Performance*. Denver, Colorado: Bradford Publishing Co., (2004). A textbook with pointers on communicating effectively as a trial lawyer.

Gardner, James A. *Legal Argument: The Structure and Language of Effective Advocacy*. 2d ed. Newark, New Jersey: LexisNexis, 2007. Pp. 169. \$43. A handsome, welcome second edition of an underappreciated book on advocacy.

Garner, Bryan A. *Black's Law Dictionary*. 9th ed. Eagan, Minnesota: Thomson West, 2009. Pp. 1940. \$115. This fresh edition contains 2,500 new entries and a system of dating the earliest appearances in English of the most common terms.

Garner, Bryan A. *Ethical Communications for Lawyers: Upholding Professional Responsibility*. Dallas, Texas: LawProse, Inc., 2009. Pp. 160. \$49.95. In a restatement format, the author presents every ethical rule relating to lawyers' speech and writing, together with more than 120 case studies. Also includes model letters relating to nonengagement, engagement, and disengagement.

Garner, Bryan A. *Garner on Language and Writing: Selected Essays and Speeches of Bryan A. Garner*. Chicago, Illinois: American Bar Assn., 2009. Foreword by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Pp. 839. \$59.95. Collects 123 short-form works by a noted writer and lexicographer.

Garner, Bryan A. *Garner's Modern American Usage*. 3d ed. New York & Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009. Pp. 942. \$45. An expanded edition containing, for the first time, a "Language-Change Index" to monitor the acceptability of certain usages.

Garner, Bryan A. *The Winning Oral Argument: Enduring Principles with Supporting Comments from the Literature*. Eagan, Minnesota: Thomson West, 2009. Pp. 262. \$44. In a restatement format, Garner collects and arranges gems from the voluminous literature on mastering oral argument.

James, Neil. *Writing at Work: How to Write Clearly, Effectively, and Professionally*. Crows Nest, New South Wales: Allen & Unwin, 2007. Pp. 374. \$19.95. The executive director of the Plain English Foundation presents a cohesive, systematic approach to business writing.

Lund, Morton. *Jagged Rocks of Wisdom — The Memo: Mastering the Legal Memorandum*. Honolulu, Hawaii: Fine Print Press, 2009. Pp. 128. \$18.95. Breaks down the process of writing a legal

memorandum into 21 steps, some of which deliberately conflict or are internally inconsistent. It's recommended for new attorneys rather than law students.

Magat, Joan Ames. *The Lawyer's Editing Manual*. Durham, North Carolina: Carolina Academic Press, 2009. Pp. 125. \$20. A handy, reliable guide for legal editors.

Mayer Brown LLP. *Federal Appellate Practice*. Philip Allen Lacovara ed. Arlington, Virginia: BNA Books, 2009. Pp. 955. \$325. An exhaustive compilation of advice with chapters on motions, briefing, and oral argument, among many others.

Murray, Michael D.; and Christy H. DeSanctis. *Advanced Legal Writing and Oral Advocacy: Trials, Appeals, and Moot Court*. 2d ed. Eagan, Minnesota: Foundation Press, 2009. Pp. 578. \$50. Designed for all levels of writing courses, this textbook comes with a searchable electronic version that includes links to online resources.

Murray, Michael D.; and Christy H. DeSanctis. *Legal Research and Writing Across the Curriculum: Problems and Exercises*. 2d ed. Eagan, Minnesota: Foundation Press, 2009. Pp. 396. \$28. A thorough guide for first-year law students on how to approach most of the essential subjects in law school.

Neumann, Richard K., Jr. *Legal Reasoning and Legal Writing: Structure, Strategy, and Style*. 6th ed. New York, New York: Wolters Kluwer, 2009. Pp. 520. \$75. A massive book intended for legal-writing courses in law school at either an introductory or an advanced level.

Oates, Laurel Currie; and Anne Enquist. *The Legal Writing Handbook: Analysis, Research, and Writing*. New York, New York: Aspen Publishers, 2006. Pp. 914 (plus practice book and teacher's manual). \$85. A detailed and comprehensive guide for law students.

Parrish, Austen L.; and Dennis T. Yokoyama. *Effective Lawyering: A Checklist Approach to Legal Writing and Oral Argument*. Durham, North Carolina: Carolina Academic Press, 2007. Pp. 155. \$20. An interesting new approach to using checklists for ensuring greater levels of accuracy in law practice.

Putman, William H. *Legal Research, Analysis and Writing*. 2d ed. Florence, Kentucky: Delmar Cengage Learning, 2009. Pp. 667. \$87.95. A practical aid for paralegals and law clerks.

Ray, Mary Barnard. *The Basics of Legal Writing*. Rev. 1st ed. Eagan, Minnesota: Thomson West, 2008. Pp. 298. \$57. A text for the beginning law student.

Ritchie, David T. *Mastering Legal Analysis and Communication*. Durham, North Carolina: Carolina Academic Press, 2008. Pp. 182. \$22. An insightful theoretical introduction to the current atmosphere of legal thinking and legal rhetoric.

Robbins-Tiscione, Kristen K. *Rhetoric for Legal Writers: The Theory and Practice of Analysis and Persuasion*. Eagan, Minnesota: Thomson West, 2009. Pp. 393. \$48. A study of rhetorical theory and practice, chiefly aimed at upper-level law students.

Scalia, Antonin; and Bryan A. Garner. *Making Your Case: The Art of Persuading Judges*. Eagan, Minnesota: Thomson West, 2008. Pp. 245. \$29.95. In 115 sections, the authors present and discuss the rules of written and oral advocacy.

Schiess, Wayne. *Preparing Legal Documents Nonlawyers Can Read and Understand*. Chicago, Illinois: ABA, 2008. Pp. 127. \$69.95. A slender but solid contribution to plain-English studies.

Siviglia, Peter. *Contracts and Negotiating for the Businessperson (You and Your Lawyer)*. Durham, North Carolina: Carolina Academic Press, 2007. Pp. 74. \$15. A slender, contemplative book containing practical guidance interspersed with verse.

Smith, Robert Barr. *The Literate Lawyer: Legal Writing and Oral Advocacy*. 4th rev. ed. Lake Mary, Florida: Vandephas Publishing, 2009. Pp. 204. \$34.95. An overview of the keys to good legal writing with plentiful illustrations and lists of common pitfalls.

Stinson, Judith M. *The Tao of Legal Writing*. Durham, North Carolina: Carolina Academic Press, 2009. Pp.110. \$15. An offbeat Taoist approach to advanced legal writing for upper-level law students, paralegals, and practitioners.

Weresh, Melissa H. *Legal Writing: Ethical and Professional Considerations*. 2d ed. New York, New York: LexisNexis Matthew Bender, 2009. \$43. Explains to law-students what ethical rules and professional concerns are associated with different types of documents.

Zillman, Donald N.; and Evan J. Roth. *Strategic Legal Writing*. Cambridge & New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008. Pp. 212. \$24.99. Takes the reader through a number of hypothetical practice situations to understand not just *how* to write, but *why* to write.

