

# Elevating Your Legal Writing: Essential Skills for Judicial Clerks and New Lawyers

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**Judges write. Judges need law clerks and counsel who can craft concise, well-organized documents day one.**

This two-day course is designed to help judicial clerks and new lawyers master the art of legal writing. Participants will develop the essential skills needed to craft precise, professional, and persuasive legal documents while gaining practical tools to enhance efficiency and clarity.

The course covers a range of critical topics, including advanced techniques for addressing complex issues and drafting judicial opinions. A key feature of this program is the integration of cutting-edge technology, including the proper and ethical use of artificial intelligence (AI) in legal and judicial writing. Participants will learn how to leverage AI to streamline research, improve drafting, and enhance the accuracy and quality of their work, while remaining mindful of its limitations and responsibilities.

This class will be held at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law, consistently one of the top-ranked legal writing programs in the country. Led by Write Law founder and Boyd Professor Joe Regalia, faculty include federal judges. Participants should expect an interactive and dynamic experience.

## Who should attend?

This new course from The National Judicial College is designed specifically for incoming federal and state law clerks and new lawyers focused on a litigation practice.

**More info:**  
[judges.org](https://judges.org)

## Objectives

- Equip judicial clerks and new lawyers with the skills to produce high-quality legal documents that enhance their professional credibility.
- Construct coherent, logical frameworks for legal memoranda, briefs, and judicial opinions
- Recognize and correct common errors, including verbosity, redundancy, and ambiguous language
- Craft compelling arguments through rhetorical techniques, logical reasoning, and effective tone for specific audiences
- Learn to receive, interpret, and implement feedback to refine written work
- Develop strategies for managing deadlines, creating outlines, prioritizing tasks, and overcoming writer's block

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