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April 2, 9, and 16, 2025

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Fuel your legal career with this three-part CLE series designed to refine your legal writing. Each session will cover a different topic including techniques to avoid ambiguity in legal writing, using legal writing to enhance your credibility, and email best practices for legal professionals. This series is perfect for attorneys as well as law students and paralegals.

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- **Crystal Clear Legal Writing: Five Techniques to Avoid Ambiguity**
Wednesday, April 2, 2025
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- **Enhancing Credibility: Attention to Detail in Legal Writing**
Wednesday, April 9, 2025
WEC25 / MCLE ID #: 119736
- **Email Best Practices for Legal Professionals**
Wednesday, April 16, 2025
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Schedules

Presented By Ryan Standil, Write To Excite, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Wednesday, April 2

Noon–1 p.m.

CLE Credits: 1 General

Noon **Crystal Clear Legal Writing: Five Techniques to Avoid Ambiguity**

- Explain legal concepts using simple language
- Decide when to repeat a term versus when to use a synonym
- Know when to use (and when to avoid) the word “and”
- Identify misplaced modifiers and ambiguous references
- Put yourself in your readers’ place, including those without a legal background

1:00 Adjourn

Wednesday, April 9

Noon–1 p.m.

CLE Credits: 1 General

Noon **Enhancing Credibility: Attention to Detail in Legal Writing**

Learn how to use legal writing to enhance your credibility by presenting an image of expertise when writing to clients, colleagues, and the court. Explore the concept of attention to detail—including the costly mistakes relating to grammar, spelling, word choice, and punctuation.

Attending this program will help you:

- Choose appropriate pronouns
- Avoid the traps of technological aids, such as online spell checkers
- Select the correct word
- Edit sentences that contain lists
- Improve your command of grammar
- Master the Oxford comma

1:00 Adjourn

Wednesday, April 16

Noon–1 p.m.

CLE Credits: 1 General

Noon **Email Best Practices for Legal Professionals**

Learn about effective email communication in the context of practicing law. Explore tone, formality, email length, response time, subject lines, copying, and using pleasantries, such as “I hope all is well.”

At the conclusion of this program, you will be able to:

- Draft emails that are easy to respond to
- Develop a writing style that is both professional and courteous
- Follow the etiquette of email communication
- Increase the percentage of your emails that receive a reply

1:00 Adjourn

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Meet Ryan Standil



Ryan offers seminars about legal writing at law firms and bar associations. Legal professionals who attend his communication seminars learn how to view their own writing from the perspective of their readers. By adopting this perspective, attendees are able to draft emails and documents that resonate with

their clients and colleagues.

[Click here](#) for a sample of Ryan's presentation style.

Before becoming a writing instructor, Ryan worked at a firm in Toronto, focusing on corporate law. Ryan attended Western University, in Ontario, Canada, where he graduated from the Ivey Business School and the Faculty of Law.