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Schedule

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

Wednesday, June 10

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Noon **Clear and Concise Legal Writing**

Everyone is pressed for time and prefers communications that are brief. Lengthy explanatory details defeat this purpose. Yet a common trap when editing for conciseness is to unintentionally alter the meaning of the communication. Learn how to walk the line between making your writing shorter and ensuring that the substance is unaffected. The end result? Maintaining the interest of your readers.

Clarity

Examine how you can explain legal concepts in a crystal-clear fashion, especially to readers who are unfamiliar with a particular practice area. Bridge this gap in knowledge by exploring strategies that revolve around “knowing your audience.” These strategies include:

- Providing sufficient context when describing a legal concept.
- Adjusting terminology based on a reader’s background knowledge.
- Delivering “familiar information” before “unfamiliar information.”
- Using examples to make writing more vivid.
- Beginning explanations with the conclusion or main point.

Conciseness

Save words with these three steps for writing concisely:

1. Omitting unnecessary words.
2. Reducing syllable count.
3. Shortening verbose phrases.

1:00 Adjourn

Wednesday, June 17

Noon–1 p.m.

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Noon **Readability in Legal Writing: Seven Practical Steps**

“Readability” refers to a state in which writing is not only clear and concise but also effortless for readers to process. Legal writing, by its nature, deals with sophisticated concepts, making it challenging to craft legal documents and technical emails that read smoothly.

Learn how to compose and send reader-friendly legal communications by:

1. Monitoring sentence length.
2. Using words of quantity.
3. Referencing multiple sections seamlessly.
4. Repeating key terms from previous sentences.
5. Maintaining a consistent order.
6. Referring to individuals and entities in a way that is easy to remember.
7. Guiding readers through complexity.

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Schedule (continued)

Wednesday, June 24

Noon–1 p.m.

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Noon Using AI to Accelerate Your Legal Writing

Do you consider yourself a proficient legal writer? If so, then why not also write more efficiently? Learn how to harness AI's power to speed up your writing by developing the confidence to:

- Rely on AI to help quickly detect the weaknesses of a draft, such as faulty logic, typos, ambiguity, impolite tone, and inconsistency.
- Understand and guard against the shortcomings of AI, including its verbosity, unrestrained scope, "desire to please," and lack of human touch.
- Experiment with the minimalist approach to prompting in order to achieve maximum efficiency, while recognizing when lengthier prompts are required.

By engaging in effective prompting techniques, AI can assist with polishing your legal writing without compromising accuracy or professional judgment.

1:00 Adjourn

Meet Ryan Standil



Ryan Standil practiced corporate law in Toronto until 2015, at which point he became a legal-writing instructor. As a resident of the fourth-largest city in North America, Ryan has taught legal writing at major Toronto law firms through both group workshops and individual coaching. Ryan also provides legal-writing seminars for

bar associations and organizations, including the Law Society of Ontario, where he is a legal writing instructor. Ryan's recent programs for the Law Society are viewable at this link: <https://store.iso.ca/nextlevel>.

By attending Ryan's workshops and seminars, thousands of lawyers and legal support staff have learned how to view their own writing from the perspective of their readers. This skill helps develop the ability to draft emails and documents that resonate with clients and colleagues.

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