

Introduction to Legal Writing

A Seminar for Pre-Law Students

COMMENTS FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS

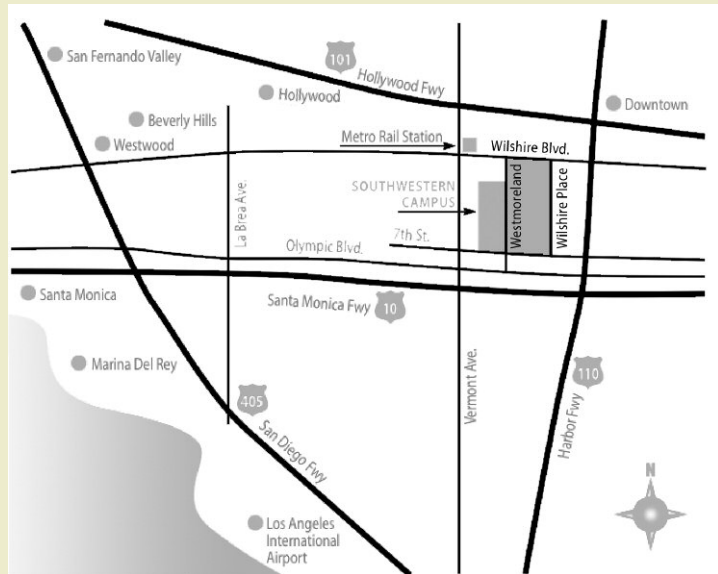
"I highly recommend this class to all pre-law students. Having been exposed to the intensity of the Legal Writing course has given me a taste of what law school will be like."

"The Introduction to Legal Writing class has been in a word 'excellent!' I can't imagine how someone could start law school without the benefit of course like this."

LOCATION

Southwestern Law School is located in the Wilshire Center district of Los Angeles, just two blocks east of Vermont Ave. between Wilshire Boulevard and 7th Street. In the midst of major law firms, corporate headquarters, and Superior Court facilities, it is only a short distance from state and federal court buildings, government offices, and regulatory agencies.

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SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL

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June 13 - June 24, 2011

TWO-WEEK PROGRAM

DAY PROGRAM

LEGAL WRITING

Pre-law students have the opportunity to get an early start in developing one of the most important skills needed in law school: legal writing. Effective legal writing is essential for successful legal study and involves composition and reasoning skills beyond those covered in traditional undergraduate programs. Law students must learn these advanced writing techniques and use them in preparing course assignments, examinations, and seminar papers.

Introduction to Legal Writing, established by Southwestern Law School in 1980, provides a foundation in these specialized skills which helps students with various levels of writing experience to become proficient legal writers. This two week, non-credit seminar is designed for pre-law students who are recent graduates or currently enrolled undergraduates, as well as for professionals working in law-related fields.

Based on Southwestern's innovative Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills Program from the law school curriculum, Introduction to Legal Writing is taught by members of Southwestern's legal writing faculty and features:

- class limited to approximately 20 students
- 30 hours of instruction
- individualized attention to each student's writing
- in-class writing practice
- extensive faculty evaluation of student compositions
- introduction to memorandum writing techniques

Southwestern Law School is fully approved by the American Bar Association (Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, 321 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654. Tel: 312.988.6738) and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

Since 1911, Southwestern has served the public as a nonprofit, nonsectarian educational institution. Southwestern does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, religion, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, or prior military service in connection with admission to the school, or in the administration of any of its educational, employment, financial aid, scholarship, or student activity programs. Nondiscrimination has been the policy of Southwestern since its founding.

COURSE INFORMATION

Class Meetings: June 13 - June 24, 2011
Monday - Friday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Course Number: 110 A1, Non-credit
Course Fee: \$925 (includes course materials)
Registration & Fee Due: Friday, June 3

For course information: Student Affairs Office, 213.738.6716 or studentaffairs@swlaw.edu
Registration and Academic Records: 213.738.6734 or registrar@swlaw.edu

LEGAL WRITING FACULTY

Alexandra D'Italia

Adjunct Professor of Law

B.A., Government, 1989, Franklin & Marshall College; J.D., 1994, Golden Gate University; Member, California State Bar

Prior to joining Southwestern's faculty in 2006, Professor D'Italia practiced law in San Francisco for several years, primarily representing indigent defendants on appeal as a panel attorney for the Sixth District Appellate Program. She began teaching law in 2002 as a member of the adjunct faculty at Golden Gate University School of Law where she taught courses in the first-year legal writing program and served as a faculty advisor to the law review. Professor D'Italia then served as an assistant professor of Lawyering Skills at Western State University College of Law where she taught Professional Skills I and II in the first year required legal research and writing program.

Professor D'Italia aims to help law students look at writing in a whole new way and stresses that writing style and voice are just as important as content. "You miss a persuasive opportunity by not writing well," she says. "In a close case, the writing and analysis does make the difference."

TO REGISTER

To register for **Introduction to Legal Writing**, please complete and return the attached registration form and fee to Southwestern by **Friday, June 3**. Early registration is advised due to limited enrollment.

INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL WRITING REGISTRATION FORM

Registration & Fee Due: Friday, June 3

To register, please complete the information below, and return with the fee payable to Southwestern. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Early registration is advised due to limited enrollment. An enrollment confirmation and parking information will be mailed upon receipt of the registration form and fee.

Wait List: If space is not available, you will be placed on a wait list. Your check will be returned if you are not enrolled in Introduction to Legal Writing.

Refunds: A \$75 processing fee will be charged for any cancellation made in writing prior to the registration deadline. No refund will be given after the registration deadline.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

Fax _____

Social Security # _____

Law school you will be attending this Fall:

Signature _____ Date _____

Return this form and the \$925 fee by Friday, June 3 to:

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