

Online Legal-Writing Resource List

50 WEBSITES FOR THE SERIOUS LEGAL WRITER
25 FOR THE NOT-SO-SERIOUS LEGAL WRITER

Blogs

1. [Adams Drafting](#) by Ken Adams, the authority on drafting legal contracts.
2. [Ariana R. Levinson's Blog](#), Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Kentucky.
3. [Disputed Issues](#). "Controversies in legal research, analysis, and writing."
4. [Fairyland Castle](#), by Martin Magnusson. "On the language of law and politics."
5. [Legal Writing Profs Blog](#), a member of the Law Professor Blogs Network.
6. [Set In Style](#), by Mister Thorne. "Lawyers are authors and law firms are publishers."
7. [The \(New\) Legal Writer](#), by Ray Ward. "A collection of resources for lawyers and other writers."
8. [Typography for Lawyers](#), by Matthew Butterick. "Revolutionizing the effectiveness of legal documents."
9. [Wayne Schiess's Legal-Writing Blog](#), "Making legal writing clear, correct, direct."
10. [Writing, Clear and Simple](#), by Roy Jacobsen. "Offering writing tips to legal and non-legal writers alike."

Citations

11. [ALWD Citation Manual](#)
12. [AP Stylebook](#) (paid subscription required for access to the full online edition).

13. [The Bluebook](#) (paid subscription required for access to the full online edition).
14. CALI, [Citation Form for Briefs and Legal Memoranda](#)
15. [The Chicago Manual of Style](#) (paid subscription required for access to the full online edition).
16. [Interactive Citation Workstation](#), Bluebook Exercises, by LexisNexis.
17. [Introduction to Basic Legal Citation](#) (online ed. 2010), by Peter W. Martin, Cornell's Legal Information Institute.
18. [New England School of Law Bluebooking Guide](#)
19. [Suffolk University Law School's Bluebook Guide](#)
20. University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Barger on Legal Writing, [Short Form Citations](#).

Grammar and Style

21. Paul Brians, Washington State University, [Common Errors in English](#).
22. [Garbl's List of Writing Resources](#), listed by topic, including [Grammar](#), [Style and Usage](#), [Words](#), [Fat-Free Writing](#), and others.
23. Bryan A. Garner, Legal Writing in Plain English, [Exercises](#).
24. [Guide to Grammar and Style](#), Jack Lynch, Rutgers University.
25. [Grammar Girl](#), Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing (Podcast).
26. Marc A. Grinker, Chicago-Kent College of Law, [The Legal Writing Teaching Assistant: The Law Student's Guide to Good Writing](#).
27. [HyperGrammar](#), an electronic grammar course by University of Ottawa.
28. Joseph Kimble, "[Writing for Dollars, Writing to Please](#)".
29. [The Purdue Online Writing Lab \(OWL\)](#).
30. William Strunk, [Elements of Style](#) (the original).

31. Eugene Volkh, UCLA Law School, "[Eschew, Evade, and/or Eradicate Legalese](#)" (word replacements).

Online Legal Research

32. [American Law Sources On-Line \(ALSO!\)](#), includes links to search engines for each State and Territory, *Amicus Curiae Briefs*, Uniform Laws and Model Acts, Scholarly Publications, and others.
33. Georgetown University Law Center, [Free & Low Cost Legal Research](#).
34. MegaLaw.com, [Legal Research Search Engine](#).
35. Pace Law School, [Free and Low Cost Resources for Legal Research](#).
36. Thurgood Marshall Law Library, [Guide to Legal Research](#), 2009-2010 (with links to PDF versions of the entire Guide).
37. University of Chicago Law School, [Legal Research Using the Internet](#), by Lyonette Louis-Jacques.
38. University of Washington School of Law, [Introduction to Legal Research on the World Wide Web](#)

Other Resource Collections

39. University of Arkansas at Little Rock, [Barger on Legal Writing](#).
40. University of Chicago Writing Program, [Grammar Resources](#).
41. University of Maryland School of Law, Legal Writing Resources, [Appellate Advocacy and Brief Writing](#).
42. University of Washington, [Legal & General Writing Resources](#).

Plain Language

43. [Center for Plain Language](#), “a nonprofit, U.S. tax-exempt membership organization, promotes the use of plain language in the public and private sectors.”
44. [Clarity](#), a “worldwide lawyers' group and interested lay people campaigning for the use of good, clear language by the legal profession.”
45. [Garbl's Plain Language Resources](#) (part of [Garbl's Writing Center](#)).
46. [The Green Bag: An Entertaining Journal of Law](#)
47. [Plain Language Action & Information Network](#)
48. [Plain Language Association International](#); and see [Articles, Tutorials, and Web Links by Plain-Language Specialists](#) page.
49. [Plain Language.gov](#), “Improving communication from the federal government to the public.” See also, [Federal Plain Language Guidelines](#) and [Writing Effective Letters](#).
50. [Scribes: The American Society of Legal Writers](#)

Just-for-Fun Writing, Grammar, & Language Blogs

51. [Apostrophe Abuse](#)
52. [Banterist: Grammar Cop](#)
53. [The “Blog” of Unnecessary Quotation Marks](#)
54. [Cake Wrecks](#)
55. [The Copy Edits of J. Alfred Proofreader](#)
56. [Engrish, Funny Typos, and Bad Grammar](#)
57. [Grammar Bit**es](#)
58. [Grammar Cop](#)

59. [Grammar Blog: I Get Gerund](#)
60. [The Grammar Vandal](#)
61. [It's Your Damned Language](#)
62. [Language Log](#)
63. [Literally, a Web Log](#)
64. [lowercase L](#)
65. [Mighty Red Pen](#)
66. [Mr. Rewrite](#)
67. [The Perplexicon](#)
68. [The Punctuator!](#)
69. [Red Pen Brigade](#)
70. [Red Pen, Inc.](#)
71. [SPOGG](#)
72. [Terribly Write](#)
73. [Throw Grammar From the Train](#)
74. [A Walk in the WoRds](#)
75. [Words at Work](#)