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## **LEGAL WRITING IN PLAIN ENGLISH I - 2008**

based on the eponymous book by Bryan A. Garner

This new course, given under the auspices of ICDA *Educación Continuada* and prepared by Mark Freehill, is based on Garner's book *Legal Writing in Plain English, A Text with Exercises*. Its target audience is lawyers who wish to improve their ability to write professionally, concisely and clearly. The main purpose is to teach the fundamentals of good writing, within the special needs of the legal profession. The book contains explanations of the principles of good writing and provides a wealth of practical exercises. Requisites for the course include:

- Good command of English
- Acceptable class attendance
- Completion of homework assignments
- Some on-line research.

The 200+ book contains 50 sections. The goal of the this first course will be to cover:

### **PART ONE: PRINCIPLES FOR ALL LEGAL WRITING**

- Framing Your Thoughts
- Phrasing Your Sentences
- Choosing Your Words

### **PART TWO: PRINCIPLES MAINLY FOR ANALYTICAL AND PERSUASIVE WRITING**

The remainder of the book may be covered in a more advanced courses in 2008.

Schedule: Wednesday nights, 6:00 – 9:30 PM  
Calendar: 6 February– 23 April 2007  
Target Audience: Working lawyers and other professionals  
Professors: Mark and Julie Freehill  
Terms: [Call ICDA, *Educación Continuada*, 809-535-0665 x 290]

Note: The ICDA course **INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL ENGLISH** given by Mark and Julie Freehill complements **LEGAL WRITING IN PLAIN ENGLISH I**. Those who have taken the former are encouraged to take the latter, and those who take the latter now are encouraged to take the former in 2008.