

The written word is an important tool in any lawyer's belt, and sometimes written advocacy is the only chance you'll have to make your client's argument. But writing, like any skill, takes practice, feedback, and guidance. Whether you're wrestling with grammar, word choice, style, or just trying to figure out how to frame an argument, sometimes it's nice to have a little outside perspective. Here are some of the helpful books that we have on legal writing so that your next brief is polished and effective.

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