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The Hon. Justice Stephen T. Goudge, Court of Appeal for Ontario

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DATES & TIME

November 13 - 14, 2009
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION

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Agenda

Day One: Friday, November 13, 2009

8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 Special Keynote Address

The Hon. Justice Stephen T. Goudge
Court of Appeal for Ontario

9:00 Creating Clarity from Start to Finish

Stephen V. Armstrong, Legal Writing Consultant
Stephen Armstrong will take you through the principles of clarity and apply them, in particular, to a factum's overview.

10:15 Refreshment Break

10:30 Small Breakout Groups: *Writing Effective Overviews*

Your coaches – a judge, a writing professional and an experienced litigator – will lead a workshop on how to craft a persuasive overview.

12:30 Luncheon

1:15 TIPS: Ten Tips for Tired Eyes

Jane Griesdorf, The Writing Consultants

1:30 Arguing the Facts and the Law

E. Berry, Professor Emeritus, University of Victoria

2:15 Small Breakout Groups: *Writing Persuasive Facts/Law*

Building on the previous session, this breakout group will focus on methods for the effective presentation of the facts and law in a factum or written argument.

3:30 Individual Writing Exercises

5:30 Writing exercises submitted for overnight review by coaches

Course Adjourns until Saturday

Day Two: Saturday, November 14, 2009

8:30 Continental Breakfast

9:00 Style: Grace, Strength and Clarity

Stephen V. Armstrong, Legal Writing Consultant
Learn the elements of style that will make your prose clear and forceful for the reader who counts – the judge.

10:30 Refreshment Break

10:45 Small Breakout Groups: *Style*

Through writing and editing exercises and discussion, you will focus on the strength and clarity of your writing at the sentence and paragraph level.

12:15 Luncheon

Judges' Panel: *What Works, and What Drives Us Crazy!*

Moderated by The Hon. Justice Paul M. Perell
Superior Court of Justice (Ontario)

Over lunch, the judges from the workshop teams will address questions from the moderator and the attendees.

1:00 Small Breakout Groups: *Individual Feedback*

Faculty will provide commentary on your writing sample and editing exercises. The focus is on practical advice and guidance that will improve the effectiveness of all your legal submissions.

NOTE: A 15 minute floating break will be taken during this session.

4:00 Course Concludes

Writing Sample Required

By October 23rd, 2009 you **MUST** submit eleven (11) copies of one sample of your legal writing to *Osgoode Professional Development*, 1 Dundas St. West, 26th Floor, Toronto, ON M5G 1Z3, Attention: Heather Gore, Program and Business Development Lawyer. *The writing sample should be stapled with your name clearly marked on the front page.* You do not have to include supplementary documentation and appendices. You must bring one (1) copy of your sample with you to edit during the course. Participants who use computers to draft may wish to bring their notebook computers to use during the workshop.

Given the structure of the program, we recommend you submit a factum on behalf of the applicant, appellant or moving party. A respondent's factum is also acceptable, but not encouraged. *It is imperative that the sample not relate to matters currently before the courts.* If necessary, all identifiable information can be blacked out or changed.

If you have not yet written a factum, written argument or other court submissions are also acceptable. Articles and/or other written prose are not acceptable. You can contact Heather Gore at 416.597.8847 or hgore@osgoode.yorku.ca to discuss what other material may be appropriate.

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Day Two: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please arrive a half hour early on Day One for sign-in and material pick-up.

Dress is business casual.

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Substitution of registrants is permitted at any time. If you are unable to find a substitute a full refund is available if a cancellation request is received in writing 14 days prior to the program date. No other refund is available.

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