

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LEGAL RHETORIC PROGRAM, Washington College of Law

Professor of Legal Rhetoric

August 2006–Present

Instruct 1L law students in legal writing, analysis, editing, and oral argument skills; instruct upper-level law students in Virginia family law, contract drafting, discovery, settlement negotiations, mediation, complaint drafting, and other skills pertinent to a family law litigation practice; present citation, writing strategy, and exam review workshops to 1L class; mentor and review adjunct instructors; meet with students about employment, bar passage, class selection, and other law-school-related issues; act as student reference; write recommendation letters for past and current students.

Associate Director, Legal Rhetoric Program

June 2022–Present

Assist Director in managing the first-year legal writing program; co-conduct orientation and training for legal writing full-time and adjunct faculty; coordinate and supervise approximately 50 Dean's Fellows (teaching assistants); prepare Dean's Fellow instructional materials and teaching notes; interview, hire, and conduct annual performance reviews for Dean's Fellows.

Acting Director, Legal Rhetoric Program

December 2019–June 2022

Directed and developed curriculum for first-year legal writing program; conducted orientation and training for legal writing full-time and adjunct faculty; spearheaded collaboration efforts with WCL Clinical Program and Office of Academic Excellence to develop and foster a culture of legal writing excellence at WCL; chaired search committee for new legal writing faculty; served as primary contact point for students and WCL faculty; supervised Legal Rhetoric Program Coordinator.

Courses Taught:	Legal Rhetoric (2006–Present) Introduction to Advocacy (2006–Present) Legal Drafting; Family Law Litigation and Practice (2007–Present) Contracts (2018–Present)
Guest Lecturer:	Family Law Advanced Legal Methods Introduction to Legal Drafting
Internal Workshops:	Annual Writing Strategy Workshop (2007–Present) Annual Bluebook Citation Workshop (2007–Present) Annual Exam Review Workshop (2008–2022) Writing Sample Workshop (2010–2022)
Awards/Honors:	2020–2021 Recipient of the WCL Excellence in Teaching Award
Internal Service:	Committee Member, Teaching and Pedagogy Committee (July 2023–present) Consultant, Appointments Committee (July 2020—March 2022) Member, Teaching Infrastructure Chair, Fall 2020 Planning Task Force Member, Wellness Task Force Committee Member, American University Senate Committee on Information Services (May 2018–May 2020) Committee Member, Special Projects Committee (August 2017–May 2019) Committee Member, Admissions Committee (August 2007–May 2019) Faculty Advisor, Family Law Society (December 2016–Present) Faculty Advisor, Business Law Review (May 2022–Present) Bar Coach, Office of Academic Excellence (2020, 2021) Faculty Advisor, SBA Mental Health Alliance (2020–Present) Faculty Advisor, Office of Academic Excellence (March 2017–August 2018)

Faculty Navigator/IL Student Advisor (August 2018-January 2022)
Judge, Moot Court Honor Society and Competition Teams Practice Sessions (up to 8
practice sessions per academic year (August 2009-Present)

Research Coordinator May 2018-December 2019
Created and coordinated 1L research curriculum, including final exam administered to entire 1L class.

Academic Coordinator August 2006-April 2012
Coordinated and supervised approximately 50 Dean's Fellows (teaching assistants); prepared Dean's Fellow instructional materials and teaching notes, most of which are still being used; interviewed, hired, and conducted annual performance reviews for Dean's Fellows.

VIRGINIA COURT OF APPEALS July 2018- October 2021
Civil Reporter of Decisions
Reviewed and edited civil opinions for judges on the Virginia Court of Appeals.

SCHWARTZ & SPRATT, PLC, Fairfax, Virginia April 2001-August 2006
Founder and Managing Partner
Represented clients in domestic relations and civil matters. Responsibilities included client interviews; extensive oral and written client and attorney contact; researching legal issues; preparing, analyzing, and responding to discovery requests and motions; drafting property settlement agreements, motions, court orders, and other pleadings; negotiation and settlement of client matters; conducting Commissioner's Hearings and contested and uncontested depositions; arguing before numerous Juvenile, District, and Circuit Courts within the Commonwealth of Virginia; preparation of simple wills; mediation; representation of children as a guardian *ad litem*. Managing Partner responsibilities included creation and management of client files and records; billing; maintenance of general firm and client trust accounts; daily operation of firm; financial reports and administration.

LEGAL ANALYSIS AND WRITING PROGRAM, January 2006-December 2006
Concord University School of Law
Professor
Instructed third-year distance learning law students in legal writing, analysis, editing, and oral argument skills.

LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING PROGRAM, June 2004-August 2006
George Washington University Law School
Adjunct Professor of Legal Research and Writing/Introduction to Advocacy
Instructed first year law students in legal writing, analysis, editing, and oral argument skills.

THE LEWIS LAW FIRM, Washington, DC April 1999-April 2001
Associate
Represented clients in domestic relations and civil matters. Responsibilities included: client interviews; extensive oral and written client and attorney contact; researching legal issues; preparing, analyzing, and responding to discovery requests and motions; drafting property settlement agreements, motions, court orders, and other pleadings; negotiation and settlement of client matters; conducting contested and uncontested depositions; appearing before numerous Juvenile, District, and Circuit Courts within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

LEGAL METHODS PROGRAM, Washington College of Law January 1995-May 2000
Adjunct Professor
Instructed first year law students in legal writing, analysis, editing, and oral argument skills.

PALMIERI & PALMIERI, P.C., Vienna, Virginia January 1999-April 1999
Associate
Represented homeowners and condominium associations in civil, bankruptcy, foreclosure, and collection matters. Advised Boards of Directors on issues relating to community, including, but not limited to, collections, liens, parking regulations, trash removal, security, satellite dishes, etc. Drafted amendments to Declarations and Bylaws. Prepared opinion letters in response to Board of Directors' inquiries. Wrote article on parking issues in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia for firm newsletter. Appeared in and argued before numerous District and Circuit Courts within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

BETTY A. THOMPSON, LTD., Arlington, Virginia

Senior Associate

Associate

Represented clients in domestic relations matters. Coordinated and managed VBA Coalition Committee on Family Law Legislation.

September 1997-November 1998

October 1996-September 1997

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Washington, DC

Office of Administrative Law Judges--Attorney Advisor

Drafted and proposed initial decisions, orders, and responses to motions and prepared memoranda of law for four administrative law judges under more than 35 different laws. Conducted detailed analysis of factual and legal issues presented in assigned cases. Researched and analyzed pertinent statutes, case law, regulations, executive orders, and legislative history. Edited decisions and orders published in *Agriculture Decisions*.

October 1994-October 1996

EDUCATION

WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW, The American University, Washington, DC

Member, Virginia State Bar, District of Columbia Bar

J.D., *summa cum laude*, May 1994

Member, Washington College of Law Honor Society

Recipient, Don Monroe Casto Award in Constitutional Law

At-Large Representative, Student Bar Association

THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY, Williamsburg, Virginia

B.A., Government, Psychology, May 1991

Volunteer, Eastern State Mental Hospital, adolescent and geriatric wards

Volunteer, York County Head Start Program

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Chair, Current Member, Board of Governors, Virginia State Bar Section on Education of Lawyers

Current Member, AALS, Legal Writing Section

Current Member, Legal Writing Institute

Current Member, American Bar Association

Current Member, Virginia Bar Association

Past and Founding Chair, Northern Virginia Regional Advisory Committee

Past Chair, Domestic Relations Section and Section Council

Member, Domestic Relations Section

Member, Collaborative Family Law Society

Former Member, AALS LWRR Programs and Nominations Committees

Former Appointed Member, Virginia State Bar Legal Writing Task Force (September 2012–August 2013)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Co-Chair of Admissions, Celebrate Fairfax, Fall for the Arts Festival, 2003

Leadership Team, Celebrate Fairfax, 2002-2009

Lead Volunteer, Science and Technology Center, Celebrate Fairfax, 1989-2008

Volunteer Family of the Year, Celebrate Fairfax, 2006

BOOKS

- Ben Templin & David H. Spratt, *Contracts: A Modern Coursebook*, Third Edition (Aspen 2023).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Primary Faculty Speaker, Sixth Annual Legal Writing Workshop (Boot Camp), Virginia CLE; Washington College of Law Legal Rhetoric Program; Virginia State Bar Section on Education of Lawyers, Washington, DC (April 2024).

- *The ABCs of Legal Writing*
 - *Improving Contract Boilerplate/Contract Drafting*
 - *Jack and the Beanstalk: Persuasive Fact Characterization*
 - *Organization of a Discussion/Argument Section*
 - *Tailoring Your Writing to Your Recipients and Purpose*
- *Deploying Effective Writing Strategies to Become a Five-Star Legal Writer*, Department of Defense Legal Writing Training, August 1, 2023, Arlington, Virginia (with Heather Ridenour)
 - Primary Faculty Speaker, Fifth Annual Legal Writing Workshop (Boot Camp), Virginia CLE; Washington College of Law Legal Rhetoric Program; Virginia State Bar Section on Education of Lawyers, Richmond, Virginia (May 2023).
 - *Legal Writing Refresher: Summer Writing Had Me a Blast* (Virginia CLE, Zoom, May 11, 2022).
 - Moderator, Collaborative Law Panel, Family Law Society, ADR Honor Society, Zoom (March 2021, April 2022)
 - *Fundamentals of Good Legal Writing* (Law Clerk Conference of Virginia, Virginia Court of Appeals, Richmond, VA, Microsoft Teams, October 6, 2021).
 - *Freddie Mac Legal Writing Boot Camp*, McLean, VA, Microsoft Teams (7 separate sessions), March/April 2021.
 - *Kids in Need of Defense Legal Writing Training* (Falls Church, VA, Zoom, December 2020).
 - *What Worked and What Didn't Work: Advice from Fall Faculty for Spring Faculty* (American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC, Zoom, November 13, 2020).
 - *Legal Writing Fast Break, 30 Assists to Improve Your Legal Writing* (Virginia CLE, Capital One Arena, Washington, DC, February 2020)
 - *Getting it "Write": Drafting Effective Orders and Opinions* (Law Clerk Conference of Virginia, Virginia Court of Appeals, Richmond, Va., August 2019).
 - *The Impatience of Using Good Grammar* (BarBri Law Preview Program, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., August 2019).
 - *Blue's Clues: An Introduction to the Bluebook* (BarBri Law Preview Program, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., August 2019).
 - Primary Faculty Speaker, Fourth Annual Legal Writing Workshop (Boot Camp), Virginia CLE; Washington College of Law Legal Rhetoric Program; Virginia State Bar Section on Education of Lawyers, Norfolk, Virginia (May 2019).
 - *Defend Against Bad Writing: Arming Yourself with Effective Writing Strategies*, Department of Defense Training, The Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia (December 2018).
 - *Implementing Effective and Contemporary Writing Strategies in Judicial Opinions*, Judicial Conference of Virginia, Supreme Court of Virginia, Roanoke, Virginia (May 2018).
 - *De Novo: Learning New and Improved Appellate Writing and Supervision Strategies and Reversing Outdated Writing Myths*, Advanced Appellate Conference for Public Defender Offices, Virginia Indigent Defense Commission, Richmond, Virginia (May 2018).
 - *Third Annual Legal Writing Boot Camp*, Virginia CLE; Washington College of Law Legal Rhetoric Program; Virginia State Bar Section on Education of Lawyers, Richmond, Virginia (April 2018).

- *Persuasive Argument*, Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, Virginia (April 2018, February 2018).
- *What Makes an Effective Writing Sample?* Office of Career and Professional Development, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (January 2018, February 2017).
- *Singing the "Blues": An Introduction to the Bluebook*, Legal Analysis Program, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (August 2017).
- *If My Grammar is Wrong, I So Want to Be "Write"*, Legal Analysis Program, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (August 2017).
- *Second Annual Legal Writing Boot Camp*, Virginia CLE; Washington College of Law Legal Rhetoric Program; Virginia State Bar Section on Education of Lawyers, Richmond, Virginia (May 2017).
- *Shakespeare and Rhetoric*, Virginia CLE, The American Shakespeare Center, Staunton, Virginia (March 2017).
- *The Basics of Public Speaking*, Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, Virginia (February 2017).
- *Becoming a Better Legal Writer*, Federal Agency Legal Writing Boot Camp, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC (November 2016).
- *Write Back at You!*, Legal Analysis Program, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (August 2016, August 2015).
- *Beating the Bluebook*, Legal Analysis Program, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (August 2016, August 2015).
- *Effective Writing and Communication*, Ted Talks, Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, Virginia (June 2016).
- *Five Rules for an Effective, Five-Page Brief*, Fairfax Bar Association, Fairfax, Virginia (May 2016).
- *Legal Writing Boot Camp*, Virginia State Bar Section on Education of Lawyers, Virginia CLE, WCL Legal Rhetoric Program WCL, Washington, DC (April 2016).
- *Legal Writing: Editing and Proofreading Essentials*, Lorman Education Services (March 2016, May 2015, November 2014, March 2014, April 2011).
- *A Basic Guide to Case Citation*, Legal Analysis Program, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (August 2014).
- *Legal Writing Strategies, Tips, and Pointers*, Legal Analysis Program, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (August 2014).
- *A Basic Guide to Case Citation*, Legal Analysis Program, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (August 2013).
- *Legal Writing Strategies, Tips, and Pointers*, Legal Analysis Program, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (August 2013).

- *Stepping up to the Plate: Championing the Interplay Between Academic Support and Legal Writing*, The Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, University of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC (March 2014).
- *So You Think You Can Write?*, Lawyer Re-Entry Program, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (October 2013).
- *Much Ado About Bluebooking: A Paralegal's Guide to Legal Citation*, Lorman Educational Services (January 2013, July 2013).
- *Outside Your Comfort Zone: Teaching Tools, Exercises, and Strategies to Reach All Levels and Learning Styles*, Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference, Savannah Law School, Savannah Law School, Savannah, Georgia (April 2013).
- *Everything You Once Knew (But Might Have Forgotten): Basic Writing Strategies for Paralegals*, Lorman Education Services (April 2013).
- *Finding Your Advocacy Voice: Teaching Persuasive Fact Statements and Oral Advocacy*, The Thirteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Colorado Law, Boulder, Colorado (March 2013).
- *There's More to Commenting than a Red Pen: Maximizing the Utility of Instructor Feedback*, The Third Annual Capital Regional Legal Writing Conference, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (March 2013).
- *Writing Like a Contemporary Lawyer* (Lawyer Re-Entry Program, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (October 2012).
- *'Write' Back into Shape*, Legal Analysis Program, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (August 2012).
- *Introducing the Bluebook!*, Legal Analysis Program, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (August 2012).
- *Public Speaking Workshop*, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (April 2012).
- *Tips and Techniques for Writing Effective Legal Briefs*, Lorman Education Services (March 2012).
- *Providing Useful Feedback in Student Conferences and Instructor Comments*, Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, Georgetown Law School, Washington, DC (March 2012).
- *Me ayduan! Aitimi! Aidez-moi!: Teaching Strategies and Techniques (Inside and Outside of the Classroom) to Help Multilingual Students*, APPEAL Conference: Helping Students Develop Their Ability to Read and Write in English, Mtunzini, South Africa (December 2011).
- *'Write' Back into the Legal Profession*, Lawyer Re-Entry Program, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (October 2011).

- *Putting the Finishing Touches on Legal Writing: Editing, Polishing, and Proofreading Essentials*, Lorman Education Services (October 2011).
- *Introduction to the Bluebook*, Legal Analysis Program, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (August 2011).
- *Getting it 'Write' the First Time*, Legal Analysis Program, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (August 2011).
- *Workshop on Teaching Techniques: Teaching Skills to First-Year Law Students*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Hilton Head, South Carolina (July 2011).
- *Effective Email and Memo Writing for Paralegals: Tips, Techniques, and Pointers*, Lorman Education Services (June 2011).
- *The Heretofore Silent Minority: Reaching the Bottom of the 1L Class*, The Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, The George Washington University College of Law, Washington, DC (February 2011).
- Panelist, *Grading Papers and Handling Student Conferences*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (December 2010).
- *Email and Memo Writing Techniques for Paralegals*, Lorman Education Services (December 2010).
- *Department of Justice: Striving to do the "Write" Thing*, Board of Immigration Appeals, Falls Church, Virginia (November 2010).
- *"Write" on Track for Re-Entry*, Lawyer Re-Entry Program, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (October 2010).
- *The ABCs of Teaching and Reaching A, B, and C Students*, 14th Biennial Conference, Legal Writing Institute, Marco Island, Florida (June 2010).
- *Clear, Concise, and Correct: Effective Writing in Administrative Law*, Food and Drug Administration, Silver Spring, Maryland (February 2010).
- *Filling in the Gaps: The Intersection of First-Year Legal Writing and Academic Support*, Ninth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Tempe, Arizona (March 2009).
- *Facing a 'Client' in the First Year of Law School: Facebook as a Tool to Engage Students*, Ninth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Tempe, Arizona (March 2009).
- Panelist, *Using Social Networks in Teaching and Maintaining Contact*, Ann Ferren Teaching Conference, American University, Washington, DC (January 2009).
- *Selecting, Representing, and Terminating the Relationship with Family Law Clients: Ethical Issues and Practical Advice*, Virginia CLE/Virginia Bar Association, Fairfax, Virginia (August 2008).

- *All the 'Write' Moves: How to Write Like a Modern Lawyer*, Troutman Sanders, Advanced Attorney Interdisciplinary College, Richmond, Virginia; Raleigh, North Carolina, McLean, Virginia (June 2008) (three separate presentations).
- *Using Everyday Life and Familiar Experience to Introduce Legal Writing and Analysis Concepts*, Eighth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah (March 2008).
- *The 'Write' Stuff: Teaching Old and New Dogs New Tricks*, Virginia Bar Association, Williamsburg, Virginia (January 2008) (with Justice Lawrence Koontz).
- Moderator, *How Legal Rhetoric Shapes the Law*, Archetype Panel, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (November 2007).
- *The Challenging Pedagogy of the First Assignment: What Do Students Need to Learn and How Can We Do It?*, Seventh Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada, (March 2007).
- *The Wisdom of Solomon Revisited: Dividing Time With the Babies*, Virginia CLE, Fairfax, Virginia (August 2006).
- *Introduction to Legal Research, Writing and Citation*, Northern Virginia Legal Secretaries Association (March 2006).
- *Take Your Job Suggestion and Shove It! Imputation of Income, Defined Duration and Vocational Rehabilitation Experts in Support Cases*, Virginia CLE Sponsored by The Virginia ADR Joint Committee and the VBA Domestic Relations Section, Fairfax, Virginia (August 2005).

MEDIA APPEARANCES

In Mississippi, Another Push to Ease Restrictions on Divorce (The 19th, February 23, 2022).

Democrats Speak to History with Exhaustive Impeachment Case (The New York Times, Washington Post, Associated Press, January 25, 2020).

Interviewed by Virginia Lawyers Weekly about Virginia House Bill 84, December 30, 2011.

Interviewed by the Associated Press about the Virginia Court of Appeals case *Stroud v. Stroud*, and its implications for same-sex couples in Virginia, February 27, 2007.

PUBLICATIONS

- *The Art of Discovery – Part 2*, 51 Va. B. Assn. News J. 12-13 (Fall 2024).
- *The Art of Discovery – Part I*, 50 Va. B. Assn. News J. 12-13 (Fall 2023).
- *Grammar Confidential Redux: Dispelling and Demystifying Common Writing Myths*, The Bencher (American Inns of Court May/June 2023).
- *Give Them What "They" Want: The Importance of Using Inclusive Pronouns*, 50 Va. B. Assn. News J. 12-13 (Spring 2023).
- *Debunking the Efficacy of Standard Contract Boilerplate, Part V*, 49 Va. B. Assn. News J. 12-13 (Fall 2022).
- *Debunking the Efficacy of Standard Contract Boilerplate, Part IV*, 49 Va. B. Assn. News J. 12-13 (Spring 2022).

- *Debunking the Efficacy of Standard Contract Boilerplate, Part III*, 48 Va. B. Assn. News J. 10-11 (Fall 2021).
- *Debunking the Efficacy of Standard Contract Boilerplate, Part II: Improve Recitals and Consideration Clauses with Plain Language*, 48 Va. B. Assn. News J. 14-15 (Spring 2021).
- *Debunking the Efficacy of Standard Contract Boilerplate: Part I*, 47 Va. B. Assn. News J. 10 (Fall 2020).
- *Stay in the Fight with Civility and Professionalism*, 47 Va. B. Assn. News J. 32 (Spring 2020).
- *Contracts are Like Snowflakes: Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow*, 46 Va. B. Assn. News J. 10 (Fall 2019).
- *Take Inventory Each New Year*, 46 Va. B. Assn. News J. 14 (Spring 2019).
- David Spratt & Heather Ridenour, *Practice and Fitness Make Writing Perfection More Nearly Attainable*, 45 Va. B. Assn. News J. 10 (Fall 2018).
- *Take Time to Wander Outside Your Comfort Zone*, 45 Va. B. Assn. News J. 10-11 (Spring 2018).
- *Paying it Forward to Build the Perfect Lawyer*. 44 Va. B. Assn. News J. 10-11 (Winter 2017).
- *If You've Seen One, You Have NOT Seen Them All!*, 44 Va. B. Assn. News J. 12-13 (Spring 2017).
- *The Fact of the Matter*, 43 Va. B. Assn. News J. 34 (Winter 2016).
- *Is Courtesy No Longer Contagious?*, 43 Va. B. Assn. News J. 14 (Spring 2016).
- *Yes, Virginia, There are Stupid Questions*, 42 Va. B. Assn. News J. 12 (Winter 2015).
- *Negotiator's Nook: The Ins and Outs of Effective Negotiation*, 42 Va. B. Assn. News J. 34 (Spring 2015).
- *Attention Deficit: Has Video Killed the Best Legal Stars?*, 41 Va. B. Assn. News J. 14 (Winter 2014).
- *Hitting a Home Run in Your Writing*, 42 Va. B. Assn. News J. 14 (Fall 2014).
- *Speaking with Conviction: The Importance of Effective and Precise Communication*, 41 Va. B. Assn. News J. 24 (Fall 2014).
- *Giving "Purpose" to Your Life as a Legal Writer*, 40 Va. B. Assn. News J. 10 (Winter 2013).
- *Playing to the Audience*, 40 Va. B. Assn. News J. 10 (Fall 2013).
- *Why Punctuation Matters: Part Three*, 40 Va. B. Assn. News J. 12 (Spring 2013).
- *Learning from the Master: Things Betty Thompson Taught Me*, 39 Va. B. Assn. News J. 8 (Winter 2012).
- *One Size Does Not Fit All*, 39 Va. B. Assn. News J. 9 (Spring 2012).
- *Making a List and Checking it Twice*, 38 Va. B. Assn. News J. 17 (Winter 2011).
- David Spratt & Heather Ridenour, *Sometimes Putting Pen to Paper is Tougher than it Seems!*, 38 Va. B. Assn. News J. 17 (Fall 2011).
- *Email Etiquette*, 37 Va. B. Assn. News J. 25 (Summer 2011).

- *The Proof(reading) is in the Pudding*, 38 Va. B. Assn. News J. 16 (Spring 2011).
- *The “Ins and Outs” of Good Legal Writing: Part One*, 37 Va. B. Assn. News J. 6 (Winter 2010/2011).
- *Misplaced Modifiers – Say What?*, 37 Va. B. Assn. News J. 6 (Fall 2010).
- *Why Punctuation Matters: Part Two*, 37 Va. B. Assn. News J. 6 (Summer 2010).
- *Grooming Good Legal Writers through Tailored, Constructive Feedback*, 37 Va. B. Assn. News J. 6 (Spring 2010).
- *Never Too Late to Go Home Again*, 36 V Va. B. Assn. News J. 6 (Winter 2009/2010).
- *Why Punctuation Matters: Part One*, 36 V Va. B. Assn. News J. 6 (Fall 2009).
- *Grammar Confidential: Dispelling Common Writing Myths*, 36 Va. B. Assn. News J. 6 (Summer 2009 and Spring 2009).
- *Resolve to Become a Better Legal Writer*, 35 Va. B. Assn. News J. 6 (Winter 2009).
- *Writer’s Block*, 35 Va. B. Assn. News J. 6 (October/November 2008).
- *More Views from the Ivory Tower: The ‘KISS’ Principle – Keep it Simple Solicitor!*, 34 V Va. B. Assn. News J. 12 (June/July 2008).
- *Views from the Ivory Tower: Musings of a Former Family Lawyer*, 34 Va. B. Assn. News J. 8 (February/March 2008).
- *Writing Like a Contemporary and Effective Lawyer: The Joys and Pitfalls of Legal Writing*, 31 Va. B. Assn. News J. 10 (December 2005/January 2006) (also republished in May 2006, *Family Law News*, Maryland State Bar Association).