

## Course Description for Better Grammar for Lawyers: Part One

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Participants take a diagnostic 100-question grammar quiz in which they're asked to select the correct answer from the two possibilities presented for each short sentence. The quiz will test your knowledge of pronoun cases, subject-verb agreement, verb tenses, and general word usage—focusing on the most common lapses from Standard Written English. Professor Garner takes you through each item in the quiz, explaining the rule that leads to the correct answer in a way that reinforces your knowledge of the standard forms. If you're shaky in grammar, Professor Garner will immediately show you how to achieve a greater command of the language in short order; if you're a skilled grammarian, you'll undoubtedly discover some new refinements—and have fun doing it.

Many judges are on record complaining about the rudimentary grammatical lapses that seem pervasive within the profession today. Judge Edith Jones and Judge Frank Easterbrook are among the chorus of voices that object to the widespread lack of grammatical knowledge among members of the bar. This course, in three parts, is designed to remedy the defect.

Professor Bryan A. Garner is not only an acclaimed legal author, he is also regarded as one of the most accomplished grammarians of the English language, being the author of *Garner's Modern English Usage* and of Chapter 5 (—Grammar and Usagell) of *The Chicago Manual of Style*.

### Seminar Specifications

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Seminar Length	60 minutes (total video length)
License Window	30 days from date of license purchase.
Production Date	January 19, 2011; Full review: November 30, 2020
Seminar Format	Print out Grammar Quiz (course material PDF) Complete the quiz and then continue on to the seminar videos.

<p>Seminar Content Tree</p> <p>(seminar module)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directions</li> <li>• Course Material (Grammar Quiz PDF)</li> <li>• Grammar 1-1-3 (video Part 1 of 3)</li> <li>• First-Break Quiz</li> <li>• Grammar 1-2-3 (video Part 2 of 3)</li> <li>• Second-Break Quiz</li> <li>• Grammar 1-3-3 (video Part 3 of 3)</li> <li>• Final Quiz</li> <li>• Code Word Entry</li> <li>• Answer Key (PDF)</li> </ul>
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Best wishes,  
Bryan A. Garner