

# JOSEPH REGALIA

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## EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School

J.D., *summa cum laude*

- 4.05 GPA, ranked first in class
- Daniel Grady Award
- Certificate of Merit
- Executive editor, *Michigan Journal of International Law*
- Executive board member, *Michigan Journal of Environmental Law*

University of Nevada, Reno

B.A., English, *summa cum laude*

- Most outstanding graduate of the humanities
- Robb Law Scholar

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Associate Professor of Law, 2019 – Present

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

Legal writing professor, 2017 – Present

- Selected to teach annual series of legal writing workshops in the Pacific Islands for judges and staff

Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Adjunct professor of law, 2017 – 2019

- Taught advanced legal writing, research, and practice
- Bar exam lecturer on all major subjects
- Taught intensive legal writing orientation programming

John Marshall Law School

Adjunct professor of law, 2018 – 2019

- Taught advanced legal writing, research, and practice

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law

Adjunct professor of law, 2015 – 2017

- Taught legal writing classes including judicial writing and appellate advocacy
- Coached SOA moot court teams
- Bar exam lecturer on all major subjects
- Regularly advised judicial clerkship applicants
- Founded and operated the Pro Se Bootcamp
- Adjunct/visiting professor of the year, 2017

Writing Like a Lawyer, <http://writing-like-a-lawyer.teachable.com>

Founder, 2015 – Present

- Designed and manage free online legal writing education platform
- Created national database of legal writing tools from over 300 writing and legal writing texts, legal documents, and other sources
- Compiled a database of over 500 legal writing tools complete with real-world examples, quiz questions, and other teaching materials
- Partial beta launch now in use at several law schools across the nation

Appellate Advocacy Blog, a member of the Law Professor Blogs network,

[http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/appellate\\_advocacy](http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/appellate_advocacy)

Co-editor and columnist

- Write bi-monthly column on all aspects of legal writing and research
- Select articles with over 80,000 readers; total readership over 300,000
- Two-time Tech Lawyer blog award winner

Pro Se Boot Camp, <http://prosebootcamp.org>

Founder, 2015 – Present

- Founded and manage organization that teaches practical legal skills to high-risk members of the community
- Manage law student teams to develop innovative and interactive classes for the public

Institute of Higher Learning

Bar exam teacher; law school doctrinal and writing teacher, 2013-Present

- Teach students who have been unsuccessful on the bar exam
- Created and teach law school success programs

Great Lakes Environmental Law Center

Fellow, 2016 – Present

- Research, write, and collaborate with leading experts on cutting-edge water-law issues

## **CLERKSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Write.law LLC

Co-founder, 2015 – Present

King & Spalding LLP

Associate, 2018-2019

Sidley Austin LLP

Associate, 2017-2018

United States District Court, District of Nevada

Honorable Judge Jennifer Dorsey and Andrew Gordon

Judicial Law Clerk, 2016-2017

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit  
Honorable Judge Jay Bybee  
Judicial Law Clerk, 2015-2016

United States District Court  
Honorable Judge Andrew Gordon  
Judicial Law Clerk, 2014-2015

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati  
Summer Associate, 2012; Associate, 2013-2014

Univ. of Michigan, Office of General Counsel  
Law Clerk, 2011-2013

Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP  
Law Clerk, 2011-2012

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

*Learning the Legal Writing Moves: One Step at a Time* (Book)

- Identifies 100 effective legal writing techniques based on (1) sampling from over 70 major legal writing texts, (2) sampling from over 150 major writing texts, (3) techniques that have support in cognitive science, and (4) common techniques identified in a sample of over 200 legal documents authored by successful advocates
- Teaches these tools using the latest educational theories, including real-world examples and prompts to drill each technique

*Applying Industrial Organizational Psychology to Legal Writing Teams* (Journal Article)

- Addresses core problems that plague legal-writing teams, including advocacy bias, differing feedback behaviors, poor feedback systems, lack of psychological safety, role ambiguity, group think, self-consistency bias, lack of voice, and cognitive dissonance

*Empirical PTD: How Can We Use the Public Trust Doctrine To Protect New Resources* (Journal Article)

- Explores the contours in the various standards of review applied to conflicted factfinders who make insurance and benefit claim decisions, pointing out the disconnect between many of these standards and offering proposals for uniform review standards

*Collaboration in the Trial Courts: Using Stare Decisis to Improve the Quality of Judicial Decision-making* (Journal Article)

- Proposes a modified stare decisis model to encourage collaborative decision-making between trial court judges and develops data suggesting that that trial court collaboration would improve the quality of decision-making

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### *Long-form articles*

*Why Mississippi's Plea to the Supreme Court That It "Owns" Its Water and That Tennessee Is "Stealing" It Is Just Wrong*, THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW ONLINE, October 8, 2019

*Using the Courts and the Public Trust Doctrine to Wrest Back Control Over Water* KENTUCKY LAW JOURNAL (forthcoming winter 2019)

*Leveraging Technology in Student Feedback, Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing* (forthcoming winter 2019) (coauthored)

*"Waters of the State": What Does it Mean?*  
59 Nat. Resources J. 1 (2019) (coauthored)

*Bringing Counsel in from the Cold: Reconciling Ethical Rules with the Quagmire of Insurance Defense Practice*, 48 N.M. L. Rev. 452 (2018) (coauthored)

*Interstate Groundwater Law Revisited: Mississippi v. Tennessee*  
34 VA. ENVTL. L.J. 152 (2016) (coauthored)

*Lines in the Sand: Interstate Groundwater Disputes in the Supreme Court*  
Nat. Resources & Env't, Fall 2016, at 8 (coauthored)

*The Common Law Right to Information*  
18 RICH. J.L. & PUB. INT. 89 (2015)

*Navigating the Law of Ex Parte Communications with Treating Physicians*  
31 J. CONTEMP. HEALTH L. & POL'Y 35 (2015) (coauthored)

### *Select short-form articles and briefs*

*Are You Ready for Internet Courts?*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*7 Steps to Appeasing Your Skeptical Legal Readers*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*Using Innovative Tools Instead of Letting Them Use You*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*The Productive Lawyer Redux*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*Simple Tools to Avoid Confounding Legal Writing*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*Elegant variation: Spicing up some lawyerisms*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*Naming Day: Two Simple Tricks To Make Your Points Memorable*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*Learning from BriefCatch: Using Technology to Unearth Your Writing Blind Spots*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*Reinventing the Legal Writing Classroom with Legal Tech*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*Naming Day: Two Simple Tricks To Make Your Points Memorable*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*Section Starts: Simple Tools to Introduce Your Brief Sections with Style*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*Playing to the Crowd: Simple Tips for Crafting Custom Legal Writing*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*An Eye For Legal Writing: Five Ways Visuals Can Transform Your Briefs*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*Simple Tools For Telling Stories in Your Legal Writing*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*Want People To Actually Read Your Legal Writing? Use Two Types of Variety*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*The strength of the start: How to Craft Killer Beginnings in Your Legal Writing*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*Four ways to harness the power of words in your legal writing*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*Legal Writing Like an Entrepreneur*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*Edify Your Editing*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*The Power of Tech and Legal Writing*  
TeachLawBetter, 2019

*Amicus Brief in Mississippi v. Tennessee*  
Lead Author, 2019

*8 Ways to Leverage Tech as a Lawyer*

ABA Before the Bar, 2019

*Life Science, Health-Care Firms Should Beware Telephone Consumer Protection Act*  
Bloomberg Law, 2019

*Three Personas to Create as a Legal Writer*  
ABA Before the Bar, 2019

*Head(ings) I Win, Tails I Lose*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*The Power to Move Your Readers: Empathy*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*Grammar Bots Can Help Fix Your Legal Writing*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*Building Rules Instead of Finding Them*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*The Pitfalls and Power of the Paragraph*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*Your Legal-Writing Voice and the Quotations that Drown it Out*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*Of Robots and Law School*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*The Approaching Legal Writing Disruption?*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*Technology Shouldn't be a Legal Writer's Trigger Word*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*What a Doctor of Design Can Teach You About Legal Writing*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*The Art of Legal Writing: The Sentence*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*Pulling at the judicial heartstrings*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*Lawyers should not always write like Hemingway*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*Who cares about the law? Legal writing with emotion*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*Make Sure You're the Lawyer That the Judge Can Trust*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*Playing well (as a legal writer) with others*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*Writer's Block and Productivity: The Lawyer's Edition*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*Evidence-based legal writing: Is it possible?*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2018

*Making conciseness work: the power of content-word editing*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

*Big ideas in small packages*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2019

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Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2017

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*Pulling on the judicial heartstrings: emotion-laden language in legal writing*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2017

*You shouldn't always write like Hemingway: the ideas behind your sentences.*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2017

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Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2017

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Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2017

*Evidence-based legal practice--is it possible?*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2017

*Making conciseness work: Content-word editing*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2017

*Big Idea in Small Packages*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2017

*Find the right answers, then ask the right questions*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2017

*Issues issues everywhere, but not a one makes sense*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2017

*The Immutable Rules*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2017

*Leveraging Technology as a Legal Writer*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2017

*Programming your Writing Intuition*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2017

*Editing Alchemy*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2017

*Hello Judge! It's me, Lawyer!*  
Appellate Advocacy Blog, 2017

*Reprogramming your Writing Intuition*  
TeachLaw, Summer 2017

*An Associate's Most Important Writing: Emails*  
Before the Bar, ABA Publishing, Summer 2017

*Second Time's a Charm: A Day in the Life of a Bar Failer*  
Before the Bar, ABA Publishing, Summer 2017

*Do State Governments Own Water?*  
ABA Gov. Law, Summer 2016 (co-authored)

*Bringing Ethical Challenges Against Insurance Defense Counsel*  
ABA Gov. Law, Summer 2016

*Social Media Practice Pitfalls*  
ABA Gov. Law, Summer 2015

*Disaster Law: What you Need to Know*  
ABA Gov. Law, Summer 2015

*California's Fight to Fill the Climate Change Gap Meets a Roadblock*  
MICH. J. ENV. L., Online Edition, Spring 2013

*A Supreme Court Case: How Safe is the Silvicultural Rule?"*  
MICH. J. ENV. L., Online Edition, Spring 2013

*Setting the Curve: Mastering Essays and Academic Success in Law School*  
Amazon Publishing (2016)

*Select workshops, CLEs and presentations*

*Non-Legal Tech for Lawyers*  
Wester Regional Conference of Academic Support Professionals, Fall 2019

*Legal Writing Basics*  
Loyola University Chicago School of Law School, Summer 2019

*Legal Research Hacks*  
King & Spaulding LLP, Summer 2019

*The Legal Writing Moves that Work*  
Nevada Attorney General's Office, Summer 2019

*Persuading to Win*  
King & Spaulding LLP, Spring 2019

*The Science of Advocacy*  
Convention of Summary Associates, Spring 2019

*Class Action Practice Caselaw Review*  
King & Spaulding LLP, Spring 2019

*Legal Writing Bootcamp Orientation*  
Loyola University Chicago School of Law School, Spring 2018

*Trial Writing*  
Nevada State Bar Conference, Summer 2018

*Legal Writing Moves that Work*  
Hosted at John Marshall Law School

*Cy Pres Today CLE*  
Sidley Austin, Summer 2018

*Writing Well: Legal Writing Like the Best CLE*  
Sidley Austin, Summer 2018

*Killing the Bar Exam*  
John Marshall Law School, Summer 2018

*Killing the MPT*

UNLV, William S. Boyd School of Law, Spring 2018

*Writing Fundamentals for Foreign Lawyers*

Loyola University Chicago School of Law School, Winter 2017

*Succeeding at Academic Success, Successfully*

Loyola University Chicago School of Law School, Fall 2017

*Writing Well: Legal Writing Like the Best*

Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, Summer 2017

*Killing the Bar Exam*

Loyola University Chicago School of Law School, Fall 2017

*Using Small Moves to Reprogram your Legal Writing*

Ninth Circuit Legal Writing Series, Fall 2017

*Using Transitions, Introductions, and Thesis Sentences*

Ninth Circuit Legal Writing Series, Fall 2017

*Rethinking How You Explain Rules*

Ninth Circuit Legal Writing Series, Fall 2017

*Thinking Differently about Editing and Technology in your Legal Writing*

Ninth Circuit Legal Writing Series, Fall 2017

*Good to Great: Never Stop Writing Better*

Ninth Circuit Legal Writing Series, Fall 2017

*Reprogramming your Legal Writing to Win*

Workshop series for law firms in the Las Vegas area, 2016-2017

*Killing the Bar Exam*

UNLV, William S. Boyd School of Law, Spring 2017

*Academic Success in Law School*

UNLV, William S. Boyd School of Law, Spring 2017

*Pro Se Bootcamp Interview*

KNPR Radio Show, Fall 2016

*Mastering the MBE*

UNLV, William S. Boyd School of Law, Fall 2016

*Mastering Bar Essays*

UNLV, William S. Boyd School of Law, Fall 2016

*Appellate Writing to Win*  
UNLV, William S. Boyd School of Law, Fall 2016

*Mastering Academic Success in Law School*  
UNLV, William S. Boyd School of Law, Summer 2016

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS**

Illinois Bar; California Bar

Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing, Board member

Association of Legal Writing Directors

- Scholars Fora Committee Member
- Leadership Committee Member
- Publications Committee Member
- Teaching Workshops Committee Member
- Visiting Scholars Committee
- Diversity Committee

UNLV Technology Committee

Global Legal Writing Skills, Committee

Journal of Legal Writing Institute, Co-editor

American Bar Association

- Chair, Government Law Committee, 2014
- Chair-elect, Government Law Committee, 2015
- Committee Vice Chair, Government Law Committee, 2014

Scribes Journal of Legal Writing Member

Certified Mediator