

COURSE DESCRIPTION FOR

BETTER GRAMMAR FOR LAWYERS: PART ONE

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. 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, 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 find some new refinements of which you were unaware—and have fun doing it.

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

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