

COURSE DESCRIPTION FOR BETTER PUNCTUATION FOR LAWYERS

Participants take a diagnostic 61-question punctuation quiz in which they're asked to select the correct answer from two possibilities. The quiz will test your knowledge of the conventions regarding commas, colons, quotation marks, semicolons, and all the other punctuation marks—focusing on the principles that are followed in the highest echelons of edited 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 punctuation. If you're uncertain in the beginning, Garner will immediately show you how to achieve a greater command of punctuation in short order; if you're skilled, you'll undoubtedly find some new refinements of which you were unaware—and have fun doing it. The course materials include a complete restatement of the principles of punctuation, showing all the rules that govern English usage.

Bryan Garner is not only the acclaimed author of *The Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style* (which elucidates all the rules of English punctuation), but he is also regarded as one of the most accomplished grammarians of the English language, being the author of *Garner's Modern American Usage* and of Chapter 5 (“Grammar and Usage”) of *The Chicago Manual of Style*.