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Law Center Plus: Continuing Your Legal Education

Writing to Win: How Theory Meets Practice

Friday, March 13, 2015, 2015 7:30 am – 9:30 am 3305 College Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314



Olympia Duhart is a Professor of Law at the Shepard Broad Law Center where she has served as the Director of the First-Year Lawyering Skills and Values (LSV) Program since 2012. The LSV Program combines legal research and writing with practice-oriented skills training. Duhart is co-president of the Society of American Law Teachers and serves on several professional advisory boards. Before joining the faculty at Shepard Broad in 2005, she was one of the founding members of the Critical Skills Program at the Law Center and practiced law at Ruden McClosky. Prior to law school, she taught high school English and was a staff writer for The Miami Herald. She has also been published in The Huffington Post and The New York Times. She has authored legal publications and presented at law conferences across the United States. Professor Duhart earned her J.D. magna cum laude, from Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad Law Center in 2003.



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Writing to Win: How Theory Meets Practice

Seminar Outline & Timeline

8:00 am to 8:45 am

Professor Olympia Duhart ('03) and Professor Camille Lamar

Using persuasive techniques to highlight the client's point of view Creating judge-friendly documents that streamline and simplify arguments Presenting information clearly and concisely Putting Theory into Practice: Interactive drafting and editing exercise

8:45 am to 9:30 am

Beverly A. Pohl, Esq., ('91)

Partner, Broad and Cassel Florida Bar Board Certified in Appellate Practice

> Drafting effective motions and legal memoranda for the trial court Drafting proposed orders How legal writing in the appellate court differs from trial court practice The importance of the visual appearance of legal memoranda and briefs



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