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Linda Holdeman Edwards, *Legal Writing: Process, Analysis, and Organization* (2d ed. 1999). [New York, NY: Aspen Law & Business, 450 p.]

Organized around two main tasks—writing productively and writing persuasively—the book has a process-oriented approach that demonstrates the interrelationships between reasoning and writing. Contains a new chapter on oral argument.

Stephen Elias, *Legal Research: How to Find and Understand the Law* (7th ed. 1999).

Provides an overview of legal research and an overview of the law followed by a discussion of the main sources to use in addressing a legal issue. Includes numerous illustrations.

Bryan A. Garner, *The Winning Brief: 100 Tips for Persuasive Briefing in Trial and Appellate Courts* (1999). [New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 444 p.]

A compendium of practical, easy-to-learn, and proven techniques for writing the most compelling brief one can present. Written by one of the leading authorities on legal writing.

Edward Herman, *Internet Supplement* (1999) to *Locating United States Government Information. A Guide to Sources* (2d ed. 1997). [Buffalo, NY: William S. Hein & Co., 228 p.]

Contains hundreds of new and revised Web sites since publication of the main volume in 1997.

Magill's Legal Guide, edited by Timothy L. Hall (1999). [Salem Press, 3 vols.]

An extensive compendium of the legal system of the United States that defines basic legal concepts and offers a practical guide to explain how the law impacts day-to-day life. Contains

594 essays and 124 articles addressing legal issues in civil and criminal law.

Joe Morehead, *Introduction to United States Government Information Sources* (6th ed. 1999).

Over the past 25 years the various editions of this book have kept pace with identifying the major government publications and pointing out their value. This latest edition continues that tradition. Technology is emphasized.

Kent Olson, *Legal Information—How to Find It, How to Use It*. (1999). [Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, 344 p.]

In addition to explaining why legal information exists in several formats and how to maximize the value of major reference tools, this book suggests the best sources for different kinds of information and explains how these resources compare to other available materials.

Edward D. Re & Joseph R. Re, *Brief Writing and Oral Argument* (9th ed. 1999). [Dobbs Ferry, NY: Oceana Publications, Inc., 312 p.]

Perhaps one of the longest-running, best-known texts in the field, this new edition includes discussion of changes and recent developments in procedures, rules of court, and case law. Includes new explanations of function, structure, standards of review, and frivolous appeals and the imposition of sanctions.

Helene S. Shapo, *Writing and Analysis in the Law* (4th ed. 1999). [Westbury, NY: Foundation Press, 1999, 448 p.]

A new edition of one of the leading texts in the field. Clear, concise, and focused on producing the best legal writers possible.

Sanford R. Silverberg, *Index to Law School Theses & Dissertations* (1998). [Buffalo, NY: William S. Hein & Co., CD-ROM.]

This CD-ROM product contains more than 2,000 new entries and more than 5,500 authors from more than 40 law schools. Updated biannually.

Fritz Snyder, *The West Digest System: The Ninth Circuit and the Montana Supreme Court*, 60 Mont. L. Rev. 541 (1999).

Begins with an overview of the West Digest System, followed by a discussion of how it can be used most efficiently to locate Ninth Circuit and Montana Supreme Court cases.

Steven D. Stark, *Writing to Win: The Legal Writer* (1999). [New York, NY: Main Street Books, 283 p.]

Focuses on writing of lawyers (not judges), including argumentation, litigation, and writing used in legal practice. Includes an appendix titled “Thirteen Rules of Professionalism in Legal Writing.”

Arturo Lopez Torres & W. Clinton Sterling, *Will Law Schools Go the Distance? An Annotated Bibliography on Distance Education in Law*, 91 Law Libr. J. 655 (1999)

Current through October 1998 and focusing on the 1990s, this annotated bibliography has as its purpose “to review the current literature and report the findings that purport to incorporate directly, indirectly, or by analogy certain aspects of distance education that are relevant to legal education today and perhaps in the future.” *Id.* at 656–67.

United Nations Cumulative Treaty Index (1999). [Buffalo, NY: William S. Hein & Co., 15 vols.]
Contains four parts: a numerical list of agreements; a chronological list of all agreements; information arranged alphabetically by country; and a comprehensive and detailed subject index. The *Index* is updated semiannually by the *Current United Nations Treaty Index Supplement*. The set also includes information about treaties and agreements registered or filed with the U.N. Secretariat but not yet published in the *United Nations Treaty Series*.

Universal Citation Guide (1999). [Chicago: American Association of Law Libraries; Madison, WI: State Bar of Wisconsin, 98 p.]
Designed to complement *The Bluebook*, this guide is designed to bridge the gap between print-based citation form and technology-

based information. Written by the Committee on Citation Formats of the American Association of Law Libraries.

Gail I. Winson, *Historic Preservation Law: An Annotated Survey of Sources and Literature* (1999). [Buffalo, NY: William S. Hein & Co., 365 p.]

Divided into two annotated sections—books and articles—this survey of published literature gives a retrospective view of developments and offers reflection on the future of historic preservation law. A bibliographic essay introduces each of the two sections.