

## Two Outstanding LIVE Programs Featuring Steven Stark

# The Legal Writer: Results-Oriented Writing for Busy Practitioners

## Thursday, December 2, 2004 North Carolina Bar Center Cary

CLE Credit: 6.0 Hours, includes 0.5 Ethics/Professionalism Hour Program #955TLW

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## **Speaking to Win: The Eloquent Legal Advocate** Friday, December 3, 2004 International Trade Center Charlotte

CLE Credit: 6.0 Hours Program #956STW

### **ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

Described as the "David Letterman of CLE," Steven D. Stark was a Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School for twelve years, where he taught several upper-level courses on writing. A former litigator and law clerk to a federal appellate judge, Mr. Stark is currently a commentator on popular culture and politics for National Public Radio as well as a frequent contributor to *The Atlantic Monthly*. He is a former columnist for the *Boston Globe*.



A graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School, Mr. Stark has taught hundreds of writing and speaking courses to law firms, corporations, government agencies, judicial gatherings, and CLE groups all over the country.

Mr. Stark's book, *Glued to the Set: The 60 Television Shows and Events that Made Us Who We Are Today*, Free Press, 1997, drew rave reviews. His latest book, *Writing to Win: The Legal Writer*, was published in 1999. He is now at work on a biography of the Beatles.

### COMMENTS FROM PARTICIPANTS AT OUR PREVIOUS "LEGAL WRITER" PROGRAMS

- "I feel privileged to be able to hear Steven Stark speak. North Carolina is privileged to have him lecture."
- "Fast-paced, funny, relevant—thanks. I enjoyed the informality and participatory nature of the program."
- "Just about the best CLE presenter I have experienced."
- "Stark is one of the best. Please bring him back."
- "Stark provided practical advice. I will apply it."
- "This was extremely practical. Material was informative. Involved the audience, and I will be able to implement many of the suggestions on improving my writing."
- "He explained a lot of reasons behind the rules we learn and challenged conventional wisdom with good arguments."
- "Challenging and thought-provoking; simple, practical advice; it was great."
- "The best CLE I've been to."

### COMMENTS FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS OF "SPEAKING TO WIN"

- "He (Stark) was excellent—his use of video/audio examples was masterful."
- "Speaker was excellent . . . . Substance of program was great, use of videos was excellent teaching tool."
- "Totally useful and enlightening—it changed the way I listen and hopefully speak."
- "Best yet! By far the best CLE presenter I have seen in 10 years of practice!"
- "Outstanding practical pointers for public speaking. I feel certain it will greatly improve my courtroom performance."

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#### **OVERVIEW**

Success in legal practice demands writing skills that combine precision, persuasion, and the ability to make yourself understood quickly. This course combines lectures, class exercises and discussions to attain that goal. It is taught by a lawyer widely known for his witty and engaging style.

This is not just a boring class in basic English or "rhetoric." Rather, it is about learning to write persuasively and effectively to attain favorable results!

#### AGENDA

Ethics and professionalism of legal writing
Recognizing the dos and don'ts of legal prose
The opinion letter
Litigation writing: facts, arguments and motions
The problems of technical writing
Avoiding "legalese"
Writing better research memos, letters, and e-mail
Using dictation and the word processor properly
Oral argument from a writer's perspective

#### **SCHEDULE**

8:30 - 8:55 a.m.	Registration	
8:55 - 9:00 a.m.	Welcome	
9:00 - 12:15 p.m.	<b>Program</b> (includes a 15-minute break)	
-	Organizing Your Ideas: Proper Style, Paragraph Structure	
	Convincing Leads and Conclusions: Avoiding Legalese	
	Conveying Complex Ideas in a Simple Manner	
	Drafting Legal Memoranda	
12:15 - 1:00 p.m.	Networking Lunch (included at program)	
1:00 - 4:15 p.m.	<b>Program</b> (includes a 15-minute break)	
	Writing for Courts	
	Oral Arguments	
	The Process of Editing (Yourself and Others)	
	Special Factors in Technical and Litigation Writing	

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#### **BONUS MATERIALS**

Program registrants will receive the book Writing to Win: The Legal Writer by Steven D. Stark (Random House/ Doubleday)



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# Speaking to Win: The Eloquent Legal Advocate

Friday, Dec. 3, 2004 • International Trade Center • Charlotte

### WHY ATTEND?

More than any other profession, the practice of law depends on the effective use of words, communication and persuasion. Through the study of some great American political speeches and presentations of recent times, this practical seminar focuses on the basics of oral advocacy for all lawyers. Whether you are called upon to give legislative testimony, must give a presentation to clients, or simply have to talk to the press, this program will enable you to understand what makes the great speakers effective and use those techniques yourself as a lawyer.

#### YOU WILL LEARN

- Why lawyers are often poor speakers
- How to write a speech or testimony and get across your message
- How to use humor in a beneficial way
- · How to respond to questions without hesitation
- How to deal with a hostile or indifferent audience

#### **AGENDA**

- Technical Talks and Presentations: Handling Questions
- Oral Argument Before a Judge
- What to Say When Your Client Is in Trouble
- Dealing With the Press Professionalism and Ethical Considerations
- 5 Key Ingredients of Oral Prose
- Oral Argument The Do's and the Don'ts
- Opening and Closing Statements Basics, Techniques and "Don'ts"
- Use of Diagrams and Pictures

#### **SCHEDULE**

- 7:45 8:25 a.m. Registration Note program's early start time.
- 8:25 8:30 a.m. Welcome
- 8:30 12:15 p.m. **Program** (includes a 15-minute break)
- 12:15 1:00 p.m. Networking Lunch (included at program)
- 1:00 3:45 p.m. **Program Continued** (includes a 15-minute break)

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#### **BONUS MATERIALS**

Materials include Roger Aile's book "You Are the Message" published by Random House Doubleday.



#### **REGISTRATION**

- Registrations (including door registrations) will be limited to available space. Available space may include a
- live video broadcast overflow room.
- Registrations received the week of
- the program or at the door cannot
- be guaranteed a book.
- MCLE CREDIT

The NC Bar Foundation (NCBF) is an accredited CLE sponsor under the Mandatory CLE Regulations promulgated by the Board of Continuing Legal Education of the NC State Bar. This program has been approved (but not sponsored) by the Board for the designated number of CLE hours. The NCBF is also an accredited sponsor for mandatory CLE in other states. It remains the responsibility of each attorney to maintain records of his or her attendance at CLE programs for purposes of the annual report required by the NC State Bar. MCLE credit will be reported only if NC State Bar number is provided.

#### **TRANSFERS**

Registrants wishing to transfer their registrations from a Live program, a Video Replay, a TeleSeminar, or a Computer Training Workshop may do so without penalty within 3 working days after the program concludes. A registration may be transferred once. Registrants may not transfer to or from a CyberCLE program or a Webcast done with a third party vendor.

#### CANCELLATIONS

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Cancellations must be received by 9 a.m. the third working day prior to the program to qualify for a refund (less \$25 administrative processing fee). After that time, those not attending will receive the program materials (if included in the tuition) in full consideration of tuition paid.



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