

Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing III (LAWS 539) – Baker

Textbooks: The following books are typically required or recommended for LRAW I & II, so they should be easy to find at relatively low cost if you do not already own them. In particular, older editions of the first two books will serve you just as well as the most current editions. I have a few extra copies of *A Lawyer Writes* and *Just Writing* in my office and am happy to loan them out for the semester – first come, first served. Please email me if you would like to borrow a copy. I will also place a copy of *A Lawyer Writes* and *Just Writing* on reserve in the Law Library for your use throughout the semester.

1. Christine Coughlin, Joan Malmud Rocklin & Sandy Patrick, *A Lawyer Writes: A Practical Guide to Legal Analysis* (3d ed. 2018 or 4th ed. 2024).
2. Anne Enquist & Laurel Currie Oates, *Just Writing: Grammar, Punctuation, and Style for the Legal Writer*, any edition.
3. *The Bluebook* (21st ed. 2020 or 22d ed. 2025).
4. *LRAW Research*: Online Textbook for Fall & Spring Research at <https://guides.law.sc.edu/LRAW>.

First Day Assignment: Please complete the following tasks in advance of our first class on Wednesday, August 20th:

- 1) Review the following material in *A Lawyer Writes*: Ch. 1 (How Attorneys Communicate), pp. 3-14 (either 4th or 3d ed.); and Ch. 12 (The Discussion Section: Introducing and Connecting Legal Arguments), (4th ed. pp. 233-242); (3d ed. pp. 211-220), ending above Section II.
- 2) Confirm that you are enrolled in the Blackboard course **for your section of this class**; find and download the Information Sheet posted in the First Day Assignment folder; then complete and submit it as a Word document using the Assignment Drop Box before our first class meeting on August 20th.

I will distribute the Syllabus in our first class. If you have questions in the meantime, please feel free to email me at bakerjm3@law.sc.edu or to stop by my office, room 213 in the faculty suite.

I look forward to seeing you soon and to working together this semester.