

Program in Law & Journalism  
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*Present:*

## Writing About the Law: From Bluebook to Blogs and Beyond

Friday, February 16, 2007

What do we write about when we write about law? Complex, convoluted, and just plain unclear, law can be exasperating and often difficult to explain. Yet explain we do—from academics to journalists to bloggers who write about it every day, trying to explicate a challenging subject to an audience with a short attention span.

The Program in Law & Journalism and the Law Review at New York Law School are proud to co-sponsor this symposium on writing about the law. The day-long program includes presentations on everything from the structure and future of legal scholarship to the increasing appetite of the mainstream media and American public for all things legal. Although the law can be maddening, the presentations are not. Lively, informed, energetic, and extremely relevant. It's time for talking about writing about law. And lunch.



## Symposium Schedule

### Breakfast & Introductory Remarks (8:45 a.m.–9:30 a.m.)

#### Morning Panel #1 (9:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m.) Just Cite It! The Traditional Law Review Structure

Law reviews have been attacked as irrelevant and their student editors criticized as incompetent, yet legal scholars still need to publish in law reviews to get and keep their jobs. What role does the traditional law review play, and should it be re-imagined?

#### Panelists:

**James Lindgren**, Professor, Northwestern University School of Law; Cofounder of the section on Scholarship of the Association of American Law Schools

**Randy E. Barnett**, Professor, Georgetown University Law Center; Senior Fellow at the Cato Institute and the Goldwater Institute

**Ann Althouse**, Professor, University of Wisconsin School of Law; Author and Blogger

**Paul Caron**, Professor, University of Cincinnati School of Law; Publisher and Editor of TaxProf Blog

#### Moderator:

**Cameron Stracher**, Codirector, Program in Law & Journalism; Publisher, Law Review, New York Law School

#### Morning Panel #2 (11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.) Lost in Translation (?) Writing About Law for a Non-Legal Audience

Writing about law for a lay audience poses its own unique challenges. What is lost and what is gained by having to translate complex legal concepts into concise news reporting, incisive commentary, or compelling drama?

#### Panelists:

**Adam Cohen**, Editorial Board Member, THE NEW YORK TIMES

**Jamie Heller**, Deputy Managing Editor, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL ONLINE

**Richard Sweren**, Writer and Co-executive producer, LAW & ORDER

**Dahlia Lithwick**, Supreme Court Reporter, SLATE

#### Moderator:

**Brandt Goldstein**, Visiting Associate Professor of Law, New York Law School

### Lunch / Keynote Address (12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m.)

#### Speaker

**John Osborn**, author of THE PAPER CHASE; Visiting Professor, University of San Francisco School of Law

### Afternoon Panel (2:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.)

#### Beyond the Bluebook: The Future of Writing About the Law

In a world increasingly dominated by blogs and online publications, does traditional legal scholarship have a future? Will legal scholars abandon the traditional law review to write for a popular audience, and if so, what will this brave new world look like?

#### Panelists:

**Bernard Hibbitts**, Professor, University of Pittsburgh School of Law; Publisher and Editor in Chief, JURIST

**Rosa Brooks**, Professor, Georgetown University Law Center; Op-ed columnist, LOS ANGELES TIMES

**Jack Balkin**, Professor, Yale Law School; Founder and Director of the Information Society Project.

**Lawrence B. Solum**, Professor, University of Illinois College of Law; Author of Legal Theory Blog

#### Moderator:

**Daphne Eviatar**, Program Director, Program in Law & Journalism; Associate Publisher, Law Review, New York Law School

### Break-Out Session with Law Review Editors (3:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m.)

#### Moderator:

**Cameron Stracher**, New York Law School

## Registration Form

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