

a dictionary of modern legal usage

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A Dictionary of Modern Legal Usage

A comprehensive guide to legal style and usage, with practical advice on how to write clear, jargon-free legal prose. Includes style tips as well as definitions.

Garner's Dictionary of Legal Usage

Rev. ed. of: A dictionary of modern legal usage / Bryan A. Garner. 2nd ed. 1995.

A Dictionary of Modern Legal Usage

Covers basic grammar, punctuation, spelling, and idiomatic phrases of American English.

The Oxford Dictionary of American Usage and Style

Since the 1987 appearance of A Dictionary of Modern Legal Usage, Bryan A. Garner has proved to be a versatile and prolific writer on legal-linguistic subjects. This collection of his essays shows both profound scholarship and sharp wit. The essays cover subjects as wide-ranging as learning to write, style, persuasion, contractual and legislative drafting, grammar, lexicography, writing in law school, writing in law practice, judicial writing, and all the literature relating to these diverse subjects.

Garner on Language and Writing

In an age of linguistic uncertainty, this book gives surefooted guidance on the direct, precise, and robust use of the English language. And although the book is scholarly, it is leavened with a dry wit. It is at once entertaining and educational.

A Dictionary of Modern American Usage

A guide to proper American English word usage, grammar, pronunciation, and style features examples of good and bad usage from the media.

Garner's Modern American Usage

Fowler's Concise Dictionary of Modern English Usage is an invaluable quick-reference work, providing clear, practical and up-to-date guidance on questions of grammar, spelling, style, and word choice. Jeremy Butterfield has judiciously revised the text to reflect the English usage practices and concerns of the 21st century.

Fowler's Concise Dictionary of Modern English Usage

Focusing on the argumentative, narrative, and descriptive style found in legal briefs and judicial opinions, this text should be a thought provoking examination of effective argumentation in law.

The Elements of Legal Style

The authority on grammar, usage, and style.

A Dictionary of Modern English Usage

When Garner's award-winning Dictionary of Modern Legal Usage appeared in 1987, it was acclaimed throughout the English-speaking world. Now he has written a new writing guide, this one inspired by Strunk & White's classic book, *The Elements of Style*. Packed with samples from noted legal writers, including Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Garner's Modern English Usage

Contains alphabetically arranged entries that define over ten thousand legal terms, and includes pronunciation guides, style and usage tags, cross-references, and the text of the U.S. Constitution.

The Elements of Legal Style

The Oxford English Dictionary is the internationally recognized authority on the evolution of the English language from 1150 to the present day. The Dictionary defines over 500,000 words, making it an unsurpassed guide to the meaning, pronunciation, and history of the English language. This new upgrade version of The Oxford English Dictionary Second Edition on CD-ROM offers unparalleled access to the world's most important reference work for the English language. The text of this version has been augmented with the inclusion of the Oxford English Dictionary Additions Series (Volumes 1-3), published in 1993 and 1997, the Bibliography to the Second Edition, and other ancillary material. System requirements: PC with minimum 200 MHz Pentium-class processor; 32 MB RAM (64 MB recommended); 16-speed CD-ROM drive (32-speed recommended); Windows 95, 98, Me, NT, 2000, or XP (Local administrator rights are required to install and open the OED for the first time on a PC running Windows NT 4 and to install and run the OED on Windows 2000 and XP); 1.1 GB hard disk space to run the OED from the CD-ROM and 1.7 GB to install the CD-ROM to the hard disk: SVGA monitor: 800 x 600 pixels: 16-bit (64k, high color) setting recommended. Please note: for the upgrade, installation requires the use of the OED CD-ROM v2.0.

Legal Usage

The authoritative guide to using the English language effectively, from "the greatest writer on grammar and usage that this country has ever produced" (David Yerkes, Columbia University). The author of *The Chicago Manual of Style*'s popular "Grammar and Usage" chapter, Bryan A. Garner is renowned for explaining the vagaries of English with absolute precision and utmost clarity. With *The Chicago Guide to Grammar, Usage, and Punctuation*, he has written the definitive guide for writers who want their prose to be both memorable and correct. Garner describes standard literary English—the forms that mark writers and speakers as educated users of the language. He also offers historical context for understanding the development of these forms. The section on grammar explains how the canonical parts of speech came to be identified, while the section on syntax covers the nuances of sentence patterns as well as both traditional sentence diagramming and transformational grammar. The usage section provides an unprecedented trove of empirical evidence in the form of Google Ngrams, diagrams that illustrate the changing prevalence of specific terms over decades and even centuries of English literature. Garner also treats punctuation and word formation, and concludes the book with an exhaustive glossary of grammatical terms and a bibliography of suggested further reading and references. *The Chicago Guide to Grammar, Usage, and Punctuation* is a magisterial work, the culmination of Garner's lifelong study of the English language. The result is a landmark resource that will offer clear guidelines to students, writers, and editors alike. "[A manual] for those of us laboring to produce expository prose: nonfiction books, journalistic articles, memorandums, business letters. The conservatism of his advice pushes you to consider audience and occasion, so that you will understand when to follow convention and when you can safely break it."—John E. McIntyre, *Baltimore Sun*

Black's Law Dictionary

"Abridgment of ... Dictionary of modern American usage, published in 1998"--Preface.

Oxford English Dictionary

This book tells what the language of the law is, how it got that way and how it works out in the practice. The emphasis is more historical than philosophical, more practical than pedantic.

The Chicago Guide to Grammar, Usage, and Punctuation

This best-selling dictionary is an authoritative and comprehensive source of jargon-free legal information. It contains over 4,200 entries that clearly define the major terms, concepts, processes, and the organization of the English legal system. This is a reissue with new covers and essential updates to account for recent changes. Highlighted feature entries discuss key topics in detail, for example adoption law, the appeals system, statement of terms of employment, and terrorism acts, and there is a useful Writing and Citation Guide that specifically addresses problems and established conventions for writing legal essays and reports. Now providing more information than ever before, this edition features recommended web links for many entries, which are accessed and kept up to date via the Dictionary of Law companion website. Described by leading university lecturers as 'the best law dictionary' and 'excellent for non-law students as well as law undergraduates', this classic dictionary is an invaluable source of legal reference for professionals, students, and anyone else needing succinct clarification of legal terms. Focusing primarily on English law, it also provides a one-stop source of information for any of the many countries that base their legal system on English law.

The Oxford dictionary of American usage and style

The Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary is the ideal dictionary for advanced EFL/ESL learners. Easy to use and with a great CD-ROM - the perfect learner's dictionary for exam success. First published as the Cambridge International Dictionary of English, this new edition has been completely updated and redesigned. - References to over 170,000 words, phrases and examples explained in clear and natural English - All the important new words that have come into the language (e.g. dirty bomb, lairy, 9/11, clickable) - Over 200 'Common Learner Error' notes, based on the Cambridge Learner Corpus from Cambridge ESOL exams Plus, on the CD-ROM: - SMART thesaurus - lets you find all the words with the same meaning - QUICKfind - automatically looks up words while you are working on-screen - SUPERwrite - tools for advanced writing, giving help with grammar and collocation - Hear and practise all the words.

The Language of the Law

Part of the Black's Law Dictionary Series, "The Handbook of Family Law Terms" contains more than 4,000 key words and phrases, with more than 1,500 terms not yet included in Black's Law Dictionary. It includes accurate, brief and clear definitions with examples and a table of leading cases.

A Dictionary of Law

Considered the most valuable reference tool available to the legal community, Black's Pocket Dictionary provides more than 13,000 clear, concise, and precise definitions. The essential companion dictionary to the Standard edition and as a stand-alone tool, Black's Pocket Dictionary also includes a dictionary guide and the complete U.S. Constitution. Black's is cited by judges and lawyers more than any other legal dictionary, comes recommended by law faculty, and is available in the pocket format and a variety of other useful editions.

Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary

"This easy-to-follow guide is useful both as a general course of instruction and as a targeted aid in solving particular legal writing problems." —Harvard Law Review Clear, concise, down-to-earth, and powerful—all too often, legal writing embodies none of these qualities. Its reputation for obscurity and needless legalese is widespread. For more than twenty years, Bryan A. Garner's Legal Writing in Plain English has helped address this problem by providing lawyers, judges, paralegals, law students, and legal scholars with sound advice and practical tools for improving their written work. The leading guide to clear writing in the field, this indispensable volume encourages legal writers to challenge

conventions and offers valuable insights into the writing process that will appeal to other professionals: how to organize ideas, create and refine prose, and improve editing skills. Accessible and witty, *Legal Writing in Plain English* draws on real-life writing samples that Garner has gathered through decades of teaching. Trenchant advice covers all types of legal materials, from analytical and persuasive writing to legal drafting, and the book's principles are reinforced by sets of basic, intermediate, and advanced exercises in each section. In this new edition, Garner preserves the successful structure of the original while adjusting the content to make it even more classroom-friendly. He includes case examples from the past decade and addresses the widespread use of legal documents in electronic formats. His book remains the standard guide for producing the jargon-free language that clients demand and courts reward. "Those who are willing to approach the book systematically and to complete the exercises will see dramatic improvements in their writing." —*Law Library Journal*

A Handbook of Family Law Terms

From legal expert and veteran author Bryan Garner comes a unique, intimate, and compelling memoir of his friendship with the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. For almost thirty years, Antonin Scalia was arguably the most influential and controversial Justice on the United States Supreme Court. His dynamic and witty writing devoted to the Constitution has influenced an entire generation of judges. Based on his reputation for using scathing language to criticize liberal court decisions, many people presumed Scalia to be gruff and irascible. But to those who knew him as "Nino," he was characterized by his warmth, charm, devotion, fierce intelligence, and loyalty. Bryan Garner's friendship with Justice Scalia was instigated by celebrated writer David Foster Wallace and strengthened over their shared love of language. Despite their differing viewpoints on everything from gun control to the use of contractions, their literary and personal relationship flourished. Justice Scalia even officiated at Garner's wedding. In this humorous, touching, and surprisingly action-packed memoir, Garner gives a firsthand insight into the mind, habits, and faith of one of the most famous and misunderstood judges in the world.

Black's Law Dictionary

A guide to proper American English word usage, grammar, pronunciation, and style features examples of good and bad usage from the media.

Legal Writing in Plain English

This English-Tibetan dictionary contains 16,000 main entries and subentries, a total of 45,000 lexical items. The dictionary is primarily oriented to spoken communication and was designed to be semantically sensitive, bridging the semantic gap between Tibetan and English. Tibetan terms corresponding to submeanings of English subterms are specified, and each entry in the dictionary includes both the Tibetan orthography and a phonemic notation to indicate pronunciation. Grammatical features are noted, and all examples of usage are presented with the romanization of the Tibetan and phonemic notation of the spoken forms. An introductory essay outlines the main features of Tibetan grammar. (MSE)

Nino and Me

Written in a clear and jargon-free style, this dictionary is useful to anyone without a legal qualification who comes into contact with the law in the United Kingdom or any Commonwealth country where the legal system is founded on English law.

Garner's Modern American Usage

Features more than ten thousand legal terms and includes a dictionary guide and the complete United States Constitution.

English-Tibetan Dictionary of Modern Tibetan

A dictionary of modern slang draws on the resources of the "Oxford English Dictionary" to cover over five thousand slang words and phrases from throughout the English-speaking world.

A Dictionary of Law

This book provides a comprehensive guide to the essential rules of legal writing. Unlike most style or grammar guides, it focuses on the special needs of legal writers, answering a wide spectrum of questions about grammar and style -- both rules and exceptions. It also gives detailed, authoritative advice on punctuation, capitalization, spelling, footnotes, and citations, with illustrations in legal context. Designed for law students, law professors, practicing lawyers, and judges, the work emphasizes the ways in which legal writing differs from other styles of technical writing. Its how-to sections deal with editing and proofreading, numbers and symbols, and overall document design. Features: * Cautions on use of 500 stuffy phrases and needless legalisms, along with their everyday English translations * Details rules for 800 words with required prepositions in certain contexts * Explains the correct usage of more than 1,000 words that are often troublesome to legal writers * Gives tips on preparing briefs and other court documents, opinion letters and demand letters, research memos, and contracts * Provides model documents of all types of legal documents and pleadings Reviews 200 terms of art that take on new meanings in legal contexts

Black's Law Dictionary

Provides definitions of legal terms and phrases used in various branches of law, in a new edition that includes a more extensive dating of terms, over 7,500 new entries, and increased bibliographic coverage.

The Oxford Dictionary of Modern Slang

Good legal writing wins court cases. In its first edition, *The Winning Brief* proved that the key to writing well is understanding the judicial readership. Now, in a revised and updated version of this modern classic, Bryan A. Garner explains the art of effective writing in 100 concise, practical, and easy-to-use sections. Covering everything from the rules for planning and organizing a brief to openers that can capture a judge's attention from the first few words, these tips add up to the most compelling, orderly, and visually appealing brief that an advocate can present. In Garner's view, good writing is good thinking put to paper. "Never write a sentence that you couldn't easily speak," he warns-and demonstrates how to do just that. Beginning each tip with a set of quotable quotes from experts, he then gives masterly advice on building sound paragraphs, drafting crisp sentences, choosing the best words ("Strike pursuant to from your vocabulary."), quoting authority, citing sources, and designing a document that looks as impressive as it reads. Throughout, he shows how to edit for maximal impact, using vivid before-and-after examples that apply the basics of rhetoric to persuasive writing. Filled with examples of good and bad writing from actual briefs filed in courts of all types, *The Winning Brief* also covers the new appellate rules for preparing federal briefs. Constantly collecting material from his seminars and polling judges for their preferences, the second edition delivers the same solid guidelines with even more supporting evidence. Including for the first time sections on the ever-changing rules of acceptable legal writing, Garner's new edition keeps even the most seasoned lawyers on their toes and writing briefs that win cases. An invaluable resource for attorneys, law clerks, judges, paralegals, law students and their teachers, *The Winning Brief* has the qualities that make all of Garner's books so popular: authority, accessibility, and page after page of techniques that work. If you're writing to win a case, this book shouldn't merely be on your shelf--it should be open on your desk.

The Redbook

The Oxford Dictionary of English Grammar is a straightforward and accessible A-Z guide to the diverse and often complex terminology of English grammar. It contains over 1,600 entries with clear and concise definitions, enhanced by numerous example sentences, as well as relevant quotations from the scholarly literature of the field. This second edition is written and edited by Professor Bas Aarts of University College London, writer of the acclaimed *Oxford Modern English Grammar*. It has been fully revised and updated, with particular attention paid to refreshing the example sentences included within the text. There are over 150 new entries that cover current terminology which has arisen since the publication of the first edition, and there are also new entries on the most important English grammars published since the start of the 20th century. Hundreds of new cross-references enhance the user-friendly nature of the text, and the list of works cited has been thoroughly updated to reflect the current state of the field. A short appendix of web links has been added. All in all, this Dictionary is an invaluable guide to English grammar for all students and teachers of the subject, as well as all those with an informed interest in the English language.

Black's Law Dictionary

This new Garner title consolidates into one set of covers all the best advice on legislative drafting. Garner elucidates his blackletter principles with statutory rewrites from all 50 states as well as from federal statutes. He demonstrates how legislation can be streamlined, simplified, and clarified. The examples show stunning improvements. Commissioned by the Uniform Law Commission, Garner's work here represents another in his string of first-rate reference books. No legislative drafter should be without it. In the back of the book are two model statutes plus a typically poor statute annotated to explain its deficiencies. Also included is a groundbreaking essay on the optimal method for expressing criminal prohibitions. Throughout the book appear shaded boxes containing timeless quotations from leading commentators on legislative drafting from the 18th century to the present day. Together with the book's extensive bibliography, these quotations place Garner's principles into a historical context. They also underscore the degree to which legislative drafters have neglected many long-standing principles of legal drafting. The foreword by Harriet Lansing, president of the Uniform Law Commission, says of Garner's work: "With these Guidelines--with his earlier booklet on court rules--Bryan Garner has made an incomparable contribution to clarity and coherence in the halls of our legislatures, the pages of our statute books, and the everyday world of all people as we try to plan our lives and predict legal consequences."

The Winning Brief: 100 Tips for Persuasive Briefing in Trial and Appellate Courts

DON'T LET YOUR WRITING HOLD YOU BACK. When you're fumbling for words and pressed for time, you might be tempted to dismiss good business writing as a luxury. But it's a skill you must cultivate to succeed: You'll lose time, money, and influence if your e-mails, proposals, and other important documents fail to win people over. The HBR Guide to Better Business Writing, by writing expert Bryan A. Garner, gives you the tools you need to express your ideas clearly and persuasively so clients, colleagues, stakeholders, and partners will get behind them. This book will help you: • Push past writer's block • Grab—and keep—readers' attention • Earn credibility with tough audiences • Trim the fat from your writing • Strike the right tone • Brush up on grammar, punctuation, and usage

The Oxford Dictionary of English Grammar

Derived from the world's most widely cited and best-selling legal reference, Black's Law Dictionary, this US title includes more than 1,000 key words and phrases with accurate and clear definitions. Also includes the full U.S. Constitution and a list of basic law books for easy reference.

Guidelines for Drafting and Editing Legislation

The Essential Law Dictionary is an essential up-to-date legal reference, containing over 3,000 entries explaining legal language that can often be hard to understand, even for lawyers. This book focuses on defining the terms that people today are most likely to encounter when dealing with the law. The definitions are clear, concise, and easy-to-understand. Whether you are a lawyer, a law student, or a layperson, this handy reference will help you understand the precise meaning of any legal term.

HBR Guide to Better Business Writing (HBR Guide Series)

In this groundbreaking book, Scalia and Garner systematically explain all the most important principles of constitutional, statutory, and contractual interpretation in an engaging and informative style with hundreds of illustrations from actual cases. Is a burrito a sandwich? Is a corporation entitled to personal privacy? If you trade a gun for drugs, are you using a gun in a drug transaction? The authors grapple with these and dozens of equally curious questions while explaining the most principled, lucid, and reliable techniques for deriving meaning from authoritative texts. Meanwhile, the book takes up some of the most controversial issues in modern jurisprudence. What, exactly, is textualism? Why is strict construction a bad thing? What is the true doctrine of originalism? And which is more important: the spirit of the law, or the letter? The authors write with a well-argued point of view that is definitive yet nuanced, straightforward yet sophisticated.

A Handbook of Basic Law Terms

This book explains English legal terminology and concepts for law students who have followed their law studies in a language other than English.

