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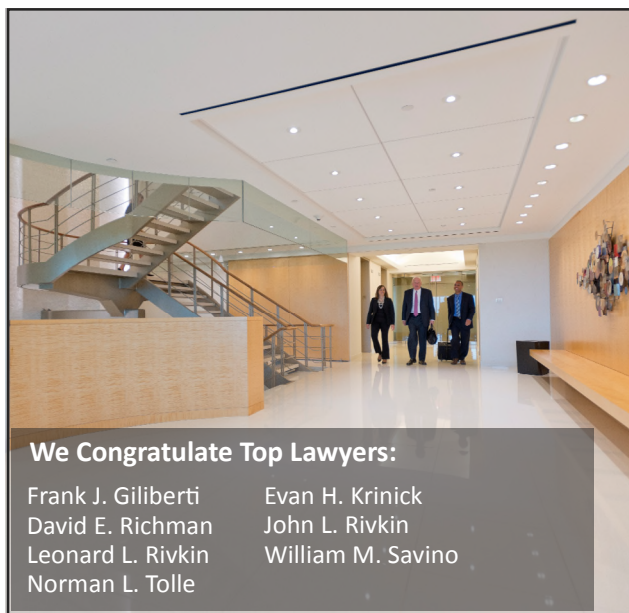
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Painter is one of the most prominent experts on plain English legal writing. His book on plain writing, *The Legal Writer: 30 Rules for the Art of Legal Writing*, came out in 2002. *The Legal Writer: 40 Rules for the Art of Legal Writing* was published in 2003, and the 5th edition will arrive in 2016.

For 20 years, he was the author of *Ohio Driving Under the Influence Law*, the only textbook on DUI in Ohio. He is coauthor of another legal treatise, *Ohio Appellate Practice*. He has written four law review articles, 145 articles for other journals, and a biography, *William Howard Taft: President and Chief Justice*. *Write Well: 25 Rules to Improve Your Business and Professional Writing* was published in 2007.

As an Adjunct Professor of Law at the U.C. College of Law for 20 years, Painter taught agency and partnership for 13 years and advanced legal writing for 7 years. He has lectured at more than 260 seminars for the Ohio Judicial College, the Ohio State Bar Association, the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and countless firms and bar associations nationwide. In 2008, he traveled to Malaysia as one of four international experts on plain-language writing.

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Phil served in the Washington State Senate from 1979 to 1995, and served on the Washington Supreme Court, Washington's highest appellate court, from 1995 to 2001.

Admitted to practice in Washington's state and federal courts, the Ninth and Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court, Phil has argued hundreds of state and federal appellate cases in his career.

Phil has taught appellate advocacy at the Seattle University and University of Washington Law Schools. He is the author of numerous law review articles on wide-ranging legal issues, and is a contributor to the *Washington Appellate Practice Deskbook*. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, and a member of the Washington Appellate Lawyers Association, an association whose membership is limited to active Washington appellate practitioners.


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