“Gender-Neutral Language in Court Opinions”

Dean’s Colloquium Speaker

Professor Judy Fischer
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Courtroom
5:00 pm

Professor Fischer received her B.A. and M.A. in English from Bradley University and her J.D. from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. She then became a partner in a large litigation firm in Los Angeles and Long Beach, California. After teaching at the University of Cincinnati and Chapman University, she joined the faculty at the University of Louisville’s Louis D. Brandeis School of Law in 2000. She teaches legal writing and women and the law.

Professor Fischer is an editor of the Legal Writing Prof Blog, where she contributes frequently. She is also the associate executive editor of the Journal of Law and Education and serves on the editorial boards of Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute and Kentucky’s Bench and Bar Journal. She has presented programs on legal writing at national conferences and has taught continuing legal education courses in Kentucky, California, and Ohio, and Oregon and lectured at universities in Australia, South Africa, Germany, Finland, and the United Kingdom.

Professor Fischer’s scholarship includes articles on legal writing, advocacy, women and the law, and law school teaching. Her book Pleasing the Court: Writing Ethical and Effective Briefs examines professionalism in legal writing through numerous examples of judges' reactions to lawyers' errors. A recent article presents an analysis the U.S. Supreme Court justices’ use of gender-neutral language in the 2010 term. Her latest article, an analysis of Strunk and White's The Elements of Style as a resource for lawyers, is forthcoming in The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing.

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