

# Legal Writing

at Breakfast and Lunch time  
during the Half Year Conference in Riga!

by Chris Jensen



## Thursday 18 May

Breakfast Session at 08.15

### Legal Writing Three Key Skills

In this short workshop, we will briefly discuss three common problem areas in legal writing: tone, usage, and style. Participants will learn an easy technique for striking the right tone in correspondence, take part in a usage competition, and practice cutting their way to better style.

## Friday 19 May

Lunch Session at 13.00

### Legal Writing Plain English

In this short workshop, we will briefly discuss style – the most common problem in legal writing. Using samples from practice, participants will learn how to transform their style from “legalese” to plain English in two steps: (1) cut words/syllables and (2) simplify sentences.



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