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**New Edition of Judge Mark Painter's book *The Legal Writer* released.
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The fourth edition of Judge Mark Painter's book *The Legal Writer: 40 Rules for the Art of Legal Writing* has just been published.

"The first three editions sold out, and the publisher was out of books," Painter said. "Since the book had to be reprinted anyway, I took the opportunity to substantially revise and update it."

More than 10,000 copies have been sold worldwide, and the new edition is 5,500. The book stresses that lawyers and judges should write in plain language. "The law affects everyone—we all should be able to understand it," Painter said.



The book was published by the Jarndyce & Jarndyce Press imprint of Cincinnati Book Publishers jointly with Casemaker. It was printed in Cincinnati by John S. Swift Co., Inc.

"We think it is important—and efficient—to support the local printing industry," said Anthony Brunsman, president of Cincinnati Book Publishers.

In March, Judge Painter was elected by the United Nations General Assembly to be a judge on the new United Nations Appeals Tribunal. He is the only American on that seven-member court, which will sit in New York City, Geneva, and Nairobi. He is leaving the Ohio Court of Appeals September 4.

But the new court is part-time. Judge Painter intends to continue his campaign for plain writing. "My schedule with the new court will allow me to devote more time to teaching and writing about the need for plain language legal writing," Painter said. He has given than 220 seminars across the country. In 2008, he traveled to Malaysia as one of four international experts on plain-language legal writing.

Judge Painter's website: www.judgepainter.org

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