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The Aspen Handbook for Legal Writers, a brief and accessible reference on mechanics and style, is a useful companion to any legal writing text. Targeted at the needs of legal writers, the text initially focuses on the rules of grammar, style, and usage--with plenty of examples. A section on Legal Documents offers strategies to improve legal writing, with sample letters,

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[Professional Writing for Lawyers](#) University of Texas Press

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