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Armstrong and Terrells lawyers guide to effective writing and editing is simply the best book ever written on legal writing. I would advise lawyers, judges, and paralegals to buy it, read it, and use it. ---- Theodore Hess, practicing attorney and former Marine Corps Staff Judge Advocate

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