



THE ESSENTIALS OF DRAFTING CLEAR, CONCISE & MODERN CONTRACTS

PRESENTED BY ALB AND KENNETH A. ADAMS



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LOCATION: TOKYO, JAPAN

ALB is pleased to present internationally renowned contracts expert Ken Adams for one day only in Tokyo. This hands-on seminar explores how to draft contracts that express deal terms clearly and effectively, saving you time and money, enhancing your competitiveness, and mitigating risk. Rather than simply lecturing, Ken uses interactive exercises, encouraging participation and addressing practical considerations related to the drafting process. This seminar is valuable for both junior and senior legal professionals, with tips that apply to all contracts drafted in English, whatever the governing law.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Practical skills from a global industry leader • The problem with traditional contract language • How efficient contract drafting can benefit your business • The basics of rigorous contract language and layout • Why revising your contract process can improve contract language

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Lawyers • In-house counsel • Paralegals and managers in law firms and corporations • Contract managers • Anyone who drafts, negotiates, or reviews contracts

SPECIAL OFFER- FREE BOOK!

Each participant will receive, at no extra charge, a copy of the latest edition of Ken Adams's book, *A Manual of Style for Contract Drafting*. The seminar explores issues addressed in detail in this one-of-a-kind book that has become a valued resource for the legal profession.

LEARN EXPERT DRAFTING TECHNIQUES FROM A LEADING AUTHORITY



Ken Adam, Author, *A Manual of Style for Contract Drafting*

As the leading authority on contract language, Ken Adams has successfully coached people around the world in drafting clearer contracts. His groundbreaking book *A*

Manual of Style for Contract Drafting has sold tens of thousands of copies internationally since it was first published by the American Bar Association in 2004. The Legal Writing Institute has announced that Ken is to receive the Golden Pen Award for 2014, "to recognize his exemplary work in contract drafting." As part of its "Legal Rebels" project, in 2009 the ABA Journal named Ken one of its initial group of fifty leading innovators in the legal profession. And the ABA Journal included Ken's blog in its 2013, 2012, 2010, and 2009 "Blawg 100"—its list of the hundred best law blogs. Ken is an adjunct professor at Notre Dame Law School. For more information about Ken and his activities, go to www.adamsdrafting.com.

"It is a revolution for legal professionals and basically renders irrelevant what I learned previously. But I like it!"

PROGRAM AGENDA

08:30 Registration	10:10 Categories of Contract Language – Different categories of contract language and their function – How to distinguish between categories – Why does it matter?	12:05 Using Defined Terms – Two kinds of definitions – Role of the definition section – Using an index of defined terms	15:00 Break
09:00 – The state of contract drafting – Costs and causes of deficient drafting – Goals for the program	10:30 Break	12:30 Luncheon	15:15 Drafting as Writing – Some general principles of good writing that apply to contract drafting
09:20 The Front and Back of the Contract – Title and introductory clause – Function and layout of recitals – Traditional recital of consideration – Concluding clause – Role of exhibits and schedules	10:45 Categories of Contract Language, cont.	13:30 Ambiguity and Vagueness – Different kinds of ambiguity – How to avoid them – How to use vagueness	15:30 Bringing It All Together – Redrafting sample provisions
	11:45 Layout – How to present sections, subsections, and enumerated clauses – Using Adams's enumeration scheme – Issues of typography	14:10 Select Usages – Problematic words and phrases – Clearer alternatives	16:40 Effecting Change – The individual – The organization
			17:00 End

Early bird price - SAVE USD600 Register before 16 October and pay only **USD888**
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Regular price - **USD1500**

Group price - SAVE AN ADDITIONAL 20% Register five participants from your organisation and the **5th person attends for free**

Price includes the seminar, luncheon, course materials, and a complimentary copy of Ken Adams's book, *A Manual of Style for Contract Drafting*.

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