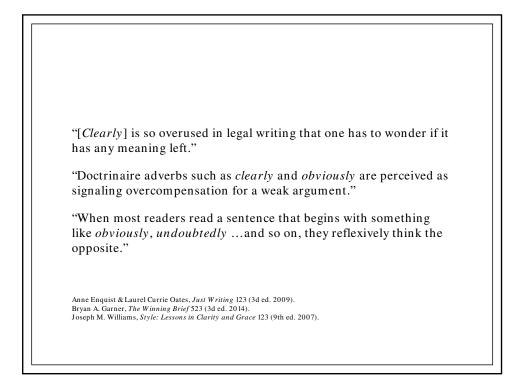




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A recent law-review article suggests that overusing intensifiers is bad—very bad. In a study of U.S. Supreme Court briefs, the authors found that increased intensifier use was correlated with losing, especially for appellants. The authors allege no causal connection—they couldn't prove it was the intensifiers that lost the cases—but the correlation is interesting.

Lance N. Long & William F. Christensen, Clearly, Using Intensifiers Is Very Bad-Or Is It? 45 Idaho L. Rev. 171, 180 (2008). Find the full text of this and thousands of other resources from leading experts in dozens of legal practice areas in the <u>UT Law CLE eLibrary (utcle.org/elibrary)</u>

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