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Forms, Forms and More Forms: Using Forms Effectively to Teach Family Law

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Teaching law students early on to *think* about forms rather than simply *using* them (without reflection) is the type of fundamental analytical skill that we as law professors should incorporate into our courses.

The primary objective of using forms in the classroom is to “think” about the form rather than just mindlessly “filling out” the form. Efficiency in a changing world means lawyers use forms — practitioners use them, the courts use them, and nearly every industry uses them. It’s time we teach with them effectively.