

5 MORE CORRECT WAYS TO USE “AS SUCH” IN LEGAL WRITING:

✓ "The defendant is the sole trustee of the estate. As such, she is obligated to act in the best interests of the beneficiaries."

—Here, "as such" refers back to "sole trustee."

✓ "The plaintiff is a public official. As such, he must demonstrate actual malice to succeed in his defamation claim."

—In this case, "as such" refers to "public official."

✓ "An attorney, as such, has a duty of loyalty and confidentiality toward their client."

—The phrase "as such" refers back to "attorney."

✓ "The organization is a nonprofit entity. As such, it is exempt from certain federal taxes."

—Here, "as such" refers back to "nonprofit entity."

✓ "The court is a tribunal of limited jurisdiction. As such, it may only hear cases explicitly authorized by statute."

—In this example, "as such" refers to "tribunal of limited jurisdiction."

For comparison, here are 3 my original 3 *incorrect* examples and why they are so:

✗ It has not snowed. As such, we cannot ski today.

—As WHAT?

✗ I am falling asleep. As such, I do not wish to watch another movie.

—As WHAT?

✗ The plaintiff refuses to respond to our discovery requests. As such, we had no choice but to file this motion to compel.

—As WHAT?