Judgment Writing as Professional Practice

Judgments
Today’s law students are more likely to be writing judgments as part of their professional practice, and earlier in their careers, as Judges, Acting Judges or tribunal members. Academics too, have begun to write alternative legal judgments, as a form of critical legal analysis.

Judicial Education
Judgment writing is now professionalised. Judgment writing workshops are part of contemporary judicial education.

Judgment Writing as Access to Justice

More self-represented litigants
Judgments are more likely to be used directly by non-lawyers, rather than mediated through legal advice. Deconstruction and analysis of judgments has become a skill needed to foster access to justice.

More Legal Education
Judgment writing should be taught at law school to prepare students for professional legal practice and to provide skills to promote access to justice.