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Profiles of Our Institutional Members: Saint Louis University School of Law

One of Scribes' earliest institutional members (1990), Saint Louis University School of Law will host the 2009 board meeting on March 30. Located in the center of St. Louis, Missouri, the "Gateway to the West," the university is guided by the Jesuit tradition of academic excellence, freedom of inquiry, and service.

Saint Louis University was founded in 1818 as the first university of the western frontier. In 1829, it became the second university in the United States operated by Jesuits (Georgetown College was the first in 1789). In over 190 years, the university has educated more than 100,000 students.

Saint Louis University School of Law was founded in 1843; it is the oldest law school west of the Mississippi River. In 1908, five women enrolled at the law school

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Saint Louis University.

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The President's Column

by Stuart Shiffman

A Change in the Executive Office

As an inveterate C-SPAN watcher, I look forward to the early months of the year when governors address their legislatures in their annual "State of the State" messages. While I am not so presumptuous to equate leading Scribes with governing a state, I am inspired by these governors to discuss some accomplishments of Scribes and some changes in our leadership.

In 2005, Joe Kimble became the executive director of Scribes. Joe had been involved in the organization for several years, but the need for a new executive director, along with his desire to see Scribes grow, convinced him to accept the position. At the same time, the day-to-day operations of Scribes moved to Thomas Cooley Law School, where Joe serves as chair of the Research & Writing department. During Joe's tenure as executive director, Scribes has grown in many ways, including an increase in both individual and institutional memberships. This work has not been Joe's alone; other board members have diligently worked to increase membership. But Joe has been the leader, making certain that phone calls, letters, and personal meetings secured new members.

In addition, Joe has actively worked to expand the Scribes name in the legal community. During the past few years, our organization has participated in and cosponsored many national programs that focused on legal writing. Joe's efforts to make these programs successful promoted Scribes as a national organization devoted to improving the quality of legal writing in America.

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Finally, Joe worked diligently to improve and organize our finances and business operations. With the support of Thomas Cooley Law School, we now have an efficient business model that will serve us well into the future. Much of our present success would not have been accomplished without the guiding efforts of Joe Kimble.

Recently, Joe advised our board that he wished to cut back on some of his work for Scribes. As Joe explained the problem to me, there are simply too few hours in the day to accomplish the many tasks in his life. Recognizing how much effort Joe poured into Scribes, and knowing how many other legal-writing projects have his attention, the board reluctantly accepted his decision to leave the position of executive director. Joe will remain active in Scribes because he serves as the editor of *The Scribes Journal*; that position will allow him to continue as a member of the board of directors.

Everyone who has worked with Joe knows about his dedication to legal writing and to legal education. Scribes is a better organization today than it was when Joe became executive director. We are grateful for his service.

Of course, Joe would not leave his position without making certain that a worthy successor was in place. The board has selected Professor Norman Plate to serve as interim executive director. Norm is a Research & Writing professor at Thomas Cooley, and he brings a wealth of legal experience. All of us in Scribes look forward to working with Norm; we'll continue to grow Scribes and to improve legal writing.



Joe Kimble, accepting the Burton Award for Legal Achievement in June 2007 at the Library of Congress.

Lincoln's Year

Since the last publication of *The Scrivener*, Scribes has been active in cosponsoring and promoting programs touching on the career of Abraham Lincoln. We presented programs in Chicago and Springfield, in conjunction with the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth. The programs were both informative and well attended. I was proud to be recognized as president of Scribes at these successful events.

Upcoming: The Scribes Awards

Each year, Scribes recognizes contributions in many fields of legal writing, and that process requires a great deal of work by our members. Under the leadership of Professor Richard Wydick, the Law-Review Award Committee is now reviewing entries for the outstanding student-written article in a law review or journal. The Scribes Law-Review Award is presented at the annual meeting of the Conference of Law Reviews.

Ken Gartner chairs the Scribes Brief-Writing Award Committee. Each year, Scribes reviews winning briefs submitted at the various national moot-court competitions to recognize outstanding appellate advocacy. The brief judged to be the best of the best is recognized at the Scribes annual luncheon, held during the American Bar Association annual meeting. This year, the annual meeting will be in Chicago during the first week of August; watch for details in the next edition of *The Scrivener*.

Judge Michael Hyman chairs the Scribes Book-Award Committee. We'll recognize the book judged to be the best work of legal scholarship published during 2008, and we'll present this award during the Scribes annual luncheon, too.

Annual Board Meeting

Finally, on March 30, 2009, our board of directors will meet in St. Louis, Missouri. In conjunction with the meeting, Darby Dickerson and Bryan Garner will present a writing program at our host law school, Saint Louis University. Be sure to read about our host in this newsletter.

The success of Scribes comes from the hard work and effort of its membership. Please check out our website at www.scribes.org to learn more about our



Stuart Shiffman.

activities. Like any organization, we're always looking for members who are willing to work on committees. I welcome hearing from any member interested in working for Scribes. It's rewarding work, and it gives you the opportunity to work alongside others with similar interests and expertise from around the country. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Law and Poetry*

by Stuart M. Israel

On a sunny June day, passing in the law-office hallway, I remarked to a coworker: “And what is so rare as a day in June?” She looked at me as if I were speaking Japanese. “Huh?” she said.

Of course, as you erudite readers know, I was merely commenting on the nice weather, quoting from James Russell Lowell’s “The Vision of Sir Launfal.”

I took a scientific survey. Five of six well-educated law-office workers had never heard of Lowell or his one-line tribute to summer weather. And the one who recognized my literary allusion was, like me, of a certain age. So, I concluded, poetry is dead, replaced in the modern public-school curriculum by sex education, *I, Rigoberta Menchú*, and self-esteem.

I confess, I am not much of a poetry aficionado. I never saw a poem that was as lovely as, say, a tree. Still, I am a product of the Detroit public schools. Back in the day, in my neighborhood, you knew your poetry if you

knew what was good for you. You couldn’t last in high school unless you could parse Keats’s “Ode on a Grecian Urn,” master the rhythms of Poe’s “The Bells,” suffer Shakespeare’s sonnets, wax philosophical on Frost’s “The Road Not Taken,” and comprehend — however fleetingly — iambic pentameter.

Indeed, my high-school class motto was from a poem, William Ernest Henley’s “Invictus” (“I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul.”). Those were the days. Show me a high-school motto today that comes from a poem *and* has a semicolon.

So, despite Rumpole of the Bailey’s affinity for Wordsworth and Lewis Carroll (“O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!”), it seemed that the law business had little use for poetry. Next time I would be more pedestrian in my hallway conversation, limiting myself to something like “Nice day, if it doesn’t rain.”

That same June the mail brought me the Spring 2008 issue of *Litigation*, the quarterly journal of the American

Bar Association Section of Litigation. I read it, even though, as far as I am concerned, June is summer, not spring. Anyway, on page 57 I discovered “Poet’s Corner.” An “editor’s note” explained: “This is the first of what we hope will be a recurring offering of poetry by lawyers or about legal themes.”

What followed was a poem by lawyer Lee Robinson titled “The Rules of Evidence.” I’m not sure exactly what Ms. Robinson was going for — she did bring me back to those foggy days in English class — but she proved by a preponderance that the reports of poetry’s death were greatly exaggerated. Although poetry may be gone from the public-school classroom, we litigators can keep it alive. Indeed, *Litigation* hopes to publish

more legal poetry. As Alexander Pope wrote, “Hope springs eternal in the human breast.”

I resolved on that June day to write poetry of my own. I would be the author, so I would understand all the

symbolism and hidden meaning without the need for *Cliff Notes*. And I could keep the poems succinct. None of that book-length Walt Whitman stuff. Succinct is good. You can work a full billable day, go home for dinner, read a few succinct poems and cleanse your soul, and still have time to watch *The Ultimate Fighter* on Spike TV. That’s balance.

Succinct being a key characteristic of my planned poetry, I settled on my style: haiku. Haiku is a kind of Japanese poetry. I was no stranger to haiku. Years ago I lived in Hawaii and was a devotee of the late Rap Replinger, who authored and recited haiku in pidgin inflection, finely melding centuries of Japanese literary tradition with the modern sensibilities of Waikiki comedy clubs. For example:

Home from the Fields

Someone has painted my door.
A stranger sings in my bathroom.
Whoops! Wrong house.

**“So I have defined my art:
legal haiku. It is succinct.
It is evocative.”**

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Haiku, like many other Japanese art forms, has a number of conventions about which books have been written. One universal convention is brevity. A typical haiku is only 17 syllables. Haiku is so succinct that the singular and plural are both *haiku*. Often a haiku is set in a season of the year and evokes a single, meaningful, Zen moment. For example, oft-quoted haiku master Matsuo Bashō (1644–1694) wrote:

First winter rain —
Even the monkey
Seems to want a raincoat.¹

Now that's a downpour, right there. Even the monkey wants a raincoat. Bashō was no Rap Replinger, but he knew what he was doing.

I needed to define the boundaries of my new art. I would adopt the 17-syllable tradition. I would write in English, not the traditional Japanese. I have two reasons for this. First, when Japanese haiku are translated into English, they often lose a syllable or two, like the Bashō haiku about the wet monkey. Second, I don't know Japanese. Besides, this isn't the 1970s. American haiku is now as good or as better than Japanese haiku.

And I would retain the 5-7-5 syllable configuration and the three-line convention of traditional English haiku. Modern masters like Rap Replinger can step across the boundaries of convention — and go with 7-7-3, or 5-5-7, or 7-5-5, or two lines instead of three — but I would be a purist. Seventeen syllables. 5-7-5, three lines.

Traditional haiku, as noted, are usually about seasons and nature. That's not for me. I learned my nature lesson when I remarked on the rarity of June days. Instead, I would write about what I know: law. I learned from no less a literary source than Wikipedia that another form of Japanese poetry — called *senryu*, related to haiku — addresses not the seasons and nature, but rather irony, satire, humor, and human foibles. This works for me. When your experience is with the law, your experience is full of irony, satire, humor, and human foibles. It also is full of more organic ingredients. Anyway, I'm calling my poetry legal haiku, even if Wikipedia-educated literary critics might say it's really *senryu*.

So I have defined my art: legal haiku. It is succinct. It is evocative. And it leaves time for Spike TV. I will be a purist: 17 syllables, three lines, the 5-7-5 configuration. I will adhere to these conventions as if they were required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Here, then, are some of my legal haiku, in the classic style of the Israel school. I trust they will cleanse your soul.

1. Meeting a Prospective Client

You have a strong case.
I need the money up front.
Will you retain me?

2. Request to an Opponent for Permission to Exceed the Page Limit

I will need more space.
I have so much more to say.
Will you stipulate?

3. Request to an Opponent for an Extension

I will need more time.
What goes around, comes around.
Will you stipulate?

4. A Discovery Response

It's irrelevant.
It's overbroad; burdensome.
I will not answer.

5. Invoking Lincoln on Attorney Fees

My hourly rate.
My time is my stock in trade.
Yes, time is costly.

6. In Federal Court

Dark suit, a necktie.
The air: too hot or too cold.
Hard seats. Marble walls.

7. A Settlement Proposal

You have no just cause.
Reinstatement, with back pay,
will resolve the case.

8. A Discrimination Lawsuit

Elliot Larsen,
the plaintiff's cause of action.
Employer beware.

9. Remembering Evidence Class

Out of court? For truth?
I know it when I hear it.
"Objection! Hearsay!"

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News from Members

Kelly Anders, Associate Dean for Student Affairs at Washburn Law School, has published *The Organized Lawyer* (Carolina Academic Press, 2009). The book offers a variety of tips for lawyers and others to determine their organizational style, redesign their workspaces, work efficiently while in transit, and update their professional wardrobes and develop a better understanding of “business casual.” Kelly wrote this book to accompany a course she is developing on professionalism in the law.

Bruce J. Bergman will be a featured presenter at a Cardozo School of Law seminar on “Representing Parties in Foreclosure Actions.” The seminar will be part of the law school’s Real Estate Alumni Association’s meeting on April 20, 2009. Bruce recently completed the first 2009 supplement to his three-volume treatise, *Bergman on New York Mortgage Foreclosures* (LexisNexis Matthew Bender). He was also named in the 2009 *Best Lawyers in New York* and *Super Lawyers*.

The Green Bag, a quarterly journal dedicated to good writing about the law, recently announced its list of outstanding legal writing for 2008. Among the honored publications were two authored by past presidents of Scribes. One was **Bryan Garner’s** new book (with Justice Antonin Scalia), *Making Your Case: The Art of Persuading Judges* (Thomson/West, 2008). The other was an article by **Otto Stockmeyer**, “To Err Is Human, To Moo Bovine: The Rose of Aberlone Story,” in the *Cooley Law Review*. Both will be excerpted or reprinted in the Green Bag’s forthcoming *Almanac and Reader of Exemplary Legal Writing 2009*.

In 2006 *The Green Bag* selected two articles published by Scribes for the same honor. They were **Duncan MacDonald’s** article “The Story of a Famous Promissory Note” in vol. 10 of *The Scribes Journal*, and **Judge Diane Wood’s** article in the Summer 2005 issue of *The Scrivener*, “Original Intent versus Evolution: The Legal Writing Edition.” Congratulations, one and all.

New Members

- Kevin M. Alerding (Indianapolis, Indiana)
- Patricia Alten* (Gainesville, Florida)
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* Student Membership

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We’ll print the best in our next issue —
with special consideration, of course,
given to haiku about legal writing.

Email your haiku to The Scrivener,
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and became the first female students at SLU. But it wasn't until 1949 that the Jesuits in Rome allowed women to enroll in the undergraduate College of Arts and Sciences along with men.

Saint Louis University was the first school in St. Louis (from elementary on up to college) to admit black students. And it was the first university in the 14 former slave states to open its doors to black students. This was 15 years before the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Brown v. Board of Education*, held in 1954 that separate facilities in education were unconstitutional.

Jeffrey E. Lewis, dean of the School of Law, explains that the school's mission is to "advance the understanding and development of law and prepare students to achieve professional success and personal satisfaction through leadership and service."

The law school offers three certificate programs and five areas of concentration. The school has three "Centers of Excellence," which offer certificates in health, employment, and international law. The areas of concentration are taxation; business transactional law; civil litigation skills; and urban development, land use, and environmental law. The school has eight dual-degree programs, including J.D./Master of Health Care Administration, J.D./Master of Business Administration, and J.D./Public Health.

The School of Law's legal clinics give students practical experience and give those in need important legal services. In the 2007-2008 academic year, SLU law students and faculty gave over \$3.3 million worth of free legal assistance.



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SLU has a nationally recognized health-law program. Many SLU professors in the Center for Health Law Studies work with major health-care organizations and are frequently cited in authoritative publications for their scholarship in the field of health law.

Legal-writing professors at SLU stress a collaborative approach to teaching. The school stresses teaching to various learning styles to help all students learn to the best of their abilities. *PreLaw* magazine recognized the school in its Winter 2009 issue for its VARK learning program. VARK helps students discover their preferred learning styles: visual, audio, reader/writer, kinesthetic, or a combination. And VARK allows professors to adapt their lesson plans to incorporate the students' various learning styles.

In its 2008 class, the law school had 208 full-time students and 84 part-time students, coming from 111 undergraduate institutions and 25 states. The school has 55 full-time faculty, with a 17-to-1 student-to-faculty ratio. In 2008, there were 8,355 alumni, spread throughout 49 states.

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10. Bargaining Pensions in the New Millennium

We will not agree,
not to defined benefits.
Just contributions.

11. A Cross-Examination Commandment

Don't ask the witness,
if you don't know the answer.
Unless you don't care.

Endnote

¹ Quoted in *The Essential Haiku Versions of Bashō, Buson, and Issa* 28 Robert Hass ed., (Ecco Press 1994).

Thank You to Our Volunteer Screeners

These people read multiple briefs that were nominated for the 2008 Scribes Brief-Writing Award and selected the best 20 to be reviewed by the Committee. Scribes extends a sincere thank-you for their hard work. (*An asterisk indicates that the screener has read briefs in current and previous years.*)

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Joining with the Illinois Judges Association and the Illinois Bar Association, Scribes sponsored a seminar celebrating the Lincoln Bicentennial in Chicago on December 12. Entitled “Lincoln: The Illinois Lawyer and Great Communicator,” the seminar was held in conjunction with the 37th annual meeting of the Illinois Judges Association at the Chicago Sheraton. Scribes member Michael B. Hyman was the cochair of the seminar and arranged to include Scribes as a cosponsor. President Stuart Shiffman, who hails from Lincoln’s adopted hometown, Springfield, Illinois, was introduced to the audience. Each member of the audience at the seminar received a copy of *The Scribes Journal*.

The seminar began with a reenactment of part of the fifth Lincoln/Douglas debate held in Galesburg, Illinois, on October 7, 1858. Retired Illinois state court Judge John Donald O’Shea, of Moline, Illinois, played Lincoln. George Eaton, the Command Historian, US Army Sustainment Command, Rock Island, Illinois, played Douglas. Both actors dressed their parts and gave stirring orations.

Following the debate, Professor David Zarefsky, who teaches rhetoric at Northwestern University, spoke on “Lincoln and the Public Platform.” Dan Stowell and John Lupton, the editor and assistant editor of the Lincoln Legal Papers project, presented “The Prairie Lawyer, Master of Us All,” a review of Lincoln’s law practice. Scribes member Professor Roger Billings, of the Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University, spoke about “Lincoln, the Master Writer,” a reprise of his presentation in New York in January 2008. A panel discussion followed, with the speakers joined by Professor Mark E. Steiner, South Texas College of Law, author of “An Honest Calling: The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln.” Prof. Steiner also spoke during the lunch that followed the seminar.

Scribes also cosponsored a two-hour program on “The Ethics of Lincoln the Lawyer” at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, Illinois. Profs. Billings and Steiner spoke, along with Professor Emeritus Vincent Vitullo of the DePaul University College of Law. Hundreds of lawyers attended the program in person or on the web.

A Critique from Down Under

Dear Editor:

Here in Australia we recently heard about the US newspaper columnist, William Sherman, who succeeded in buying the Empire State Building (*NY Daily News*, 2 December 2008)—or at least tricking the deeds registry into believing that he had bought the Empire State Building.

But from an antipodean legal perspective, even more remarkable than his accomplishment is the deed of purchase he filed for registration.

The deed comes straight from medieval England. It is unreconstructed legalese. It reads like something from a Marx Bros. movie, replete with archaisms, wordiness, pomposity, and repetition. It even contains Groucho’s famous lines “*the party of the first part, the party of the second part, etc., etc., etc.*”

The key clause reads: “the party of the first part, in consideration of Ten Dollars and No Cents (\$10.00), lawful money of the United States, paid by party of the second part, does hereby grant and release unto the party of the second part, the heirs or successors and assigns of the party of the second part forever”

It could have read: “For \$10, the seller transfers to the buyer”

Only in the US would lawyers get away with this legalistic garbage. In most other countries, clients demand (and get) plain English, even in property deeds. Why does legalese survive in US property deeds when it is dead and gone in most other places? With the dawn of a new US political era, it is time to demand a new legal era. We should not abide the convoluted and archaic language of property lawyers. A profession that calls itself learned should be able to do better.

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