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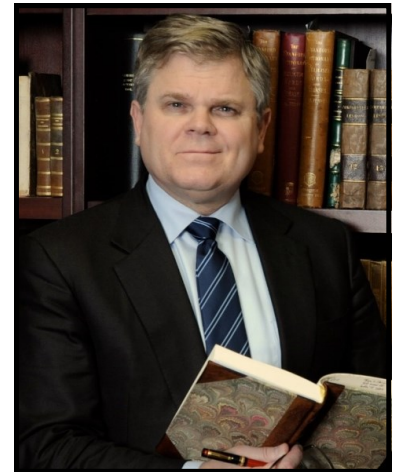
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Bryan Garner Receives Lifetime-Achievement Award

Legal writers need no introduction to Bryan Garner, no doubt the world's preeminent authority on legal writing and legal language and recipient of the 2020 Scribes Lifetime-Achievement Award.



Bryan is an American lawyer, grammarian, and lexicographer. He also writes on jurisprudence (and occasionally the rules of golf). He is the author of over 25 books, including *Garner's Dictionary of Legal Usage* (3d ed. 2011), *Garner's Modern English Usage* (4th ed. 2016), *The Redbook: A Manual of Legal Style* (4th ed. 2018), and *Reading Law: The Interpretation of Legal Texts* (2012—coauthored with Justice Antonin Scalia), as well as five unabridged editions of *Black's Law Dictionary*. He's also the author of *The Rules of Golf in Plain English* (2008).

In 2009, Bryan was named Legal-Writing and Reference-Book Author of the Decade at a Burton Awards ceremony at the Library of Congress. He has received many other awards, including the Benjamin Franklin Book Award, the Scribes Book Award, the Bernie Siegan Award, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Center for Plain Language.

And as far as Scribes goes, he was the founding editor of *The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing*, served as the president of Scribes from 1997–1999, and was a longtime board member of Scribes.

Bryan is a Distinguished Research Professor of Law at Southern Methodist University. He has also taught the University of Texas School of Law, Texas A&M School of Law, and Texas Tech School of Law. In addition to educating law students, he has lectured to thousands of legal writers across the country who have attended his seminars over the years.

The first recipient of the Scribes Lifetime-Achievement Award was the Honorable Guido Calabresi, Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, who received the award in 2002.

Other recipients of the award include: U.S. Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia (2008), Ruth Bader Ginsburg (2009), John Paul Stevens (2012), and Stephen Breyer (2019); federal circuit court judges Richard Sheppard Arnold (2004), Frank Easterbrook (2016), Richard Posner (2016), and Diane Wood (2018); Professor Richard Wydick (2010); and Lord Woolf, the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales (2015).

Former Scribes President Installed as AALS President

Darby Dickerson, a Past President of Scribes and the Inaugural Dean of the UIC John Marshall Law School, was installed in January 2020 as President of the Association of American Law Schools ("AALS"). She is the first AALS President to come from the field of legal writing.

Dean Dickerson was the author of the first edition of the ALWD Citation Manual, a book widely acclaimed for its ease of use by students and practitioners who often struggled with legal citation. In recognition of that accomplishment, she received the prestigious Burton Award in 2005 for Outstanding Contributions to Legal Writing Education. In 2013, she was the inaugural recipient of the Darby Dickerson Award for Revolutionary Change in Legal Writing. The Dickerson Award was created by the Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) to honor her contributions to legal writing. In 2016 the National Jurist magazine named Dean Dickerson as one of the "most influential people in legal education." In 2018 she received the Section Award for Lifetime Contributions to Legal Writing from the AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning.

Dean Dickerson became President of the AALS during the Association's annual conference in

Washington, D.C. She follows Professor Vicki Jackson of the Harvard Law School who finished her term as AALS President.

Dean Dickerson will serve a one-year term until the AALS

holds its next Annual Meeting in San Francisco in January 2021. She has announced that the theme of the 2021 AALS Annual Meeting will be "The Power of Words."

The AALS is an association of 179 member and 18 fee-paid law schools. AALS member schools enroll most of the nation's law students and produce the majority of the country's lawyers and judges, as well as many of its lawmakers. Founded in 1900, the mission of AALS is to uphold and advance excellence in legal education. In support of this mission, AALS promotes the core values of excellence in teaching and scholarship, academic freedom, and diversity, including diversity of backgrounds and viewpoints, while seeking to improve the legal profession, to foster justice, and to serve its many communities—local, national and international.



From 2011-2016, Darby Dickerson served as Dean and the W. Frank Newton Professor of Law at Texas Tech University School of Law. Before that, she was Interim Dean and Dean at Stetson University College of Law in Florida from 2003-2011. She started her full-time academic career at Stetson, joining the faculty in 1995. At Stetson, she also served in a wide variety of other administrative roles, including Vice Dean, Associate Dean, Director of Legal Research and Writing, Moot Court Board Director, and Law Review Advisor.

Dean Dickerson received her B.A. and M.A. from the College of William & Mary, and her J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School. She clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and practiced commercial litigation with the firm now known as Locke Lord in Dallas, Texas.

As Dean of The John Marshall Law School, Dean Dickerson brought about a successful merger of the law school with the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC), creating the first public law school in Chicago. She is the Inaugural Dean of the UIC John Marshall Law School, which remains the institutional home of Scribes.

We congratulate Dean Darby Dickerson on her many accomplishments in the field of legal writing and in legal education.

Scribes Establishes Liaison Relationship with the ABA Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress

Scribes has established a formal liaison relationship with the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress. The ABA Standing Committee advocates on behalf of the Law Library of Congress, the largest law library in the world. The ABA Standing Committee also informs ABA members about library resources available to the practitioners, law students, and members of the public.



The Law Library of Congress was the host site of the 2019 Scribes Annual CLE and Award Program. That event featured a roundtable discussion among former Assistant Solicitor Generals of the United States and a presentation on legal research resources available through the Law Library of Congress. The highlight of that event was the presentation of the Scribes Lifetime Achievement Award to U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Stephen Breyer, who was interviewed by Scribes Past President Darby Dickerson.

In establishing a formal liaison relationship with the ABA Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress, Scribes joins the Legal Writing Institute, the American Association of Law Libraries, and other professional groups that have similar liaison relationships.

Scribes Book Awards

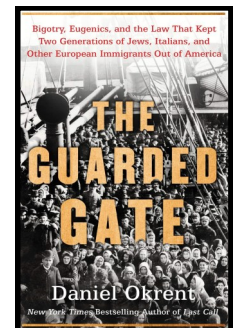
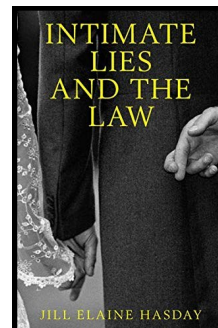
Since 1961, Scribes has presented an annual award for the best work of legal scholarship published during the previous year. The Scribes Book-Award Committee generally receives between 40 and 50 nominees each year, and nominations are due by March 15. The Scribes Book Award is normally presented at Scribes' annual meeting.

The Scribes Book-Award Committee is Chaired by former Scribes President, Justice Michael Hyman of the Illinois Appellate Court. The other members of the Committee are Bryan Garner, Yoshinori H.T. Himel, and Brian Melendez.

The 2020 award went to Jill Elaine Hasday for her book, *Intimate Lies and the Law*, published by Oxford University Press. Her book systematically examines deception in intimate relationships and uncovers the hidden body of law governing this duplicity. Hasday argues that the law has placed too much emphasis on protecting intimate deceivers and too little importance on helping the people they deceive. She believes that the law should do more to prevent and redress injuries that intimate deception can inflict.

The 2020 Book Award Honorable Mention went to Daniel Okrent for his book, *The Guarded Gate: Bigotry, Eugenics, and the Law That Kept Two Generations of Jews, Italians, and Other European Immigrants Out of America*, published by Simon & Schuster. *The Guarded Gate* was also named to the list of 100 Notable Books of the Year chosen by the New York Review of Books.

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- **2020 Book Award Honorable Mention:** Daniel Okrent, *The Guarded Gate: Bigotry, Eugenics, and the Law That Kept Two Generations of Jews, Italians, and Other European Immigrants Out of America*



New Members

Richard Brooks, Phoenix AZ
Angela Brown, Dallas TX
Carmichael Carrick**, Chicago IL
Quintessa Davis**, Wilmington DE
Michael Dean, Peoria IL
Johnathan Franklin, Miami FL
Debra Gass*, Roseville CA
Cherish Keller, Chicago IL
Connor Kurtz**, Charlottesville VA

Joel Lennihan, Santa Fe NM
R. Chris Lim*, Los Angeles CA
Heather Long, Dallas TX
Alex Mili, Wilmington DE
Benjamin Reese, Springfield VA
Matthew Topic, Downers Grove IL
Gary Traynor*, Georgetown DE
Bryan Weber, Delray Beach FL
William Wright, Mount Laurel NJ

* Sustaining Member
** Student Member

Scribes Brief-Writing Awards: Recognizing the Best of the Best

In 1996, Scribes launched a Brief-Writing Award to recognize and celebrate excellent student-written briefs. Scribes believes that legal writing is of paramount importance to law students and their careers, and it hopes to encourage good legal writing by recognizing its finest examples.

The Scribes Brief-Writing Award for 2020 considers submissions of moot-court briefs that have won first place in a national or regional moot-court competition during the 2018-19 academic year (September 2018 to May 2019). The award committee then selects the best briefs from all of the winning briefs submitted.

2020 Brief-Writing Awards:

- **Winner:** Allyson E. Lynch, Paul T. Madden and Sarah L. Martin. Belmont University College of Law ([Click here to read the brief](#))
- **Second Place:** Meredith J. Clark, David V. Dorris, and Sandra M. Guillen. South Texas College of Law
- **Third Place:** William N. Haacker, John Wooldridge, and Greg A. Urbach. South Texas College of Law

Students from Belmont University College of Law and South Texas College of Law Win 2020 Brief-Writing Awards

Scribes announced the winners of the 2020 Brief-Writing Awards. The award winners were selected from moot-court briefs that won a national or regional moot-court competition during the 2019-2020 academic year.

The first-place winning brief in 2020 was authored by students Allyson E. Lynch, Paul T. Madden, and Sarah L. Martin of **Belmont University College of Law**. The second- and third-place brief awards were won by students at **South Texas College of Law**. The students who

won the second-place award were Meredith J. Clark, David V. Dorris, and Sandra M. Guillen. South Texas College of Law. The winners of the third-place award were William N. Haacker, John Wooldridge, and Greg A. Urbach.

In 2019, the first-place winners were Caitlin Messinger and Keriann Smith of the Florida State University College of Law in Tallahassee. Their award was presented in April during a Scribes CLE and Award Ceremony at the Law Library of Congress in Washington D.C. The second-place winners for 2019 were Cesar Escalante and Jonathan Peña of the South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas. Two schools tied for third place: Jacob Cunningham, Jessica Finley, and Sara Kuebel won from the Louisiana State University Paul M. Herbert Law Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Gabriella Gallego and Alyxandra N. Vernon won from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco, California.

2019-2020 Brief-Writing Award Screening Committee:

- Brooke Bowman (Stetson University College of Law)
- Megan E. Boyd (Georgia State University College of Law)
- Kathryn Campbell (Southwestern Law School)
- Anna M. Chan (St. Thomas University School of Law)
- Elizabeth De Armond (IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law)
- Tessa Dysart (University of Arizona College of Law)
- Lara Freed (Cornell School of Law)
- Ardath Hamann (University of Illinois Chicago School of Law) (Ret.)

- Amanda Harmon (Cooley / South Texas College of Law)
- Kimberly Holst (Arizona State University College of Law)
- Michelle Johnson (University of Oklahoma)
- Kerrin Kowach (St. Louis University School of Law)
- Gail Mullins (University of Oklahoma College of Law)
- Joe Regalia (University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Law)
- Jim Sowerby (U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois)
- Mary Rose Strubbe (IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law) (Ret.)
- Bobbie Thyfault (California Western School of Law)

2019-2020 Brief-Writing Award Committee:

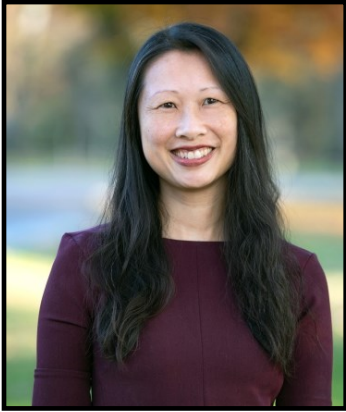
- Hon. Kenneth Gartner (Chair)
- Andrew Bender
- Beth Cohen
- Charles Dewey Cole
- Stephen Fink
- Susan Joffe
- Robert Markle
- Gail Mullins
- Mary Rose Strubbe

Meet Scribes' New Treasurer and Board Member

New Treasurer Jamie J. Baker, a former Executive Director of Scribes, was elected Scribes treasurer in April 2020. She is the Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library and Dean's Distinguished Service Professor of Law at Texas Tech University School of Law in Lubbock, Texas. In addition to overseeing Law Library operations, Professor Baker teaches Civil Trial: Practice & Litigation Materials, Academic Legal Writing, and Introduction to the Study of Law. She also instructs in the Legal Practice research workshops for first-year students and teaches in the Law Library's Excellence in Legal Research Program.



Professor Baker's scholarship focuses primarily on cognitive computing in the legal research realm. She also speaks and writes about legal research pedagogy and the law librarian profession. Her blog, *The Ginger Law Librarian*, has been named an ABA Blawg 100, as well as a Top-Ten Blog for Information Professionals, and Best of the Legal Blogs by the Internet Legal Researcher. Professor Baker holds a B.S. in Political Science & Public Administration from Central Michigan University, a M.L.I.S. from Wayne State University's School of Library & Information Science, and a J.D. from Western Michigan University Cooley Law School, where she was recognized as the most outstanding editor of the *Cooley Law Review*. In law school, Professor Baker worked at the Michigan Supreme Court's Friend of the Court Bureau, where she focused on family law. Before joining the faculty at Texas Tech, Professor Baker was a Law Librarian and an Adjunct Professor of Scholarly Writing at Western Michigan University Cooley Law School.



New Board Member Katrina Lee, joined the Scribes Board of Directors. Professor Lee is a Clinical Professor and Director of the Program on Dispute Resolution at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Before joining the faculty at Moritz in 2011, she enjoyed an accomplished career in complex litigation spanning more than 12 years and was elevated to equity partner at her law firm. Professor Lee serves on the Executive Committee of the AALS ADR Section and is a former President of the Association of Legal Writing Directors. She teaches Business of Law, Legal Analysis and Writing, and Legal Negotiation. Professor Lee serves as a Faculty Advisor for The Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution. She also serves as the Director of Moritz's LL.M. Legal Writing program. Professor Lee

triple-majored at the University of California at Berkeley and received her J.D. degree from the University of California at Berkeley. She is a member of the California State Bar.

She is the author of several scholarly articles and the business of law coursebook, *The Legal Career: Knowing the Business, Thriving in Practice*. The second edition was released in May 2020. She is also a board member of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Central Ohio and an author of *The Guide to U.S. Legal Analysis and Writing, Third Edition*, which is set to release in early 2022.