

From the Editor

I'm honored, of course, that the Scribes Board of Directors has asked me to serve as the new editor in chief of the *Scribes Journal*. And I'm equally honored to be succeeding Bryan Garner. Nobody can fill Bryan's shoes, but I'll try to keep them from falling off.

The *Journal* will remain what it has always been — at once scholarly and practical, informative and lively, and committed to the good fight for better legal writing. The *Journal* is unique.

With this issue, we begin our "Best of" Series. We have chosen, for reprinting, some of the best short pieces on legal writing by persons who once wrote for various bar publications around the country. (The permissions appear in the Notes on Contributors.) Most of you will not have seen any of these articles, and the *Journal* can provide a service by bringing them together. We plan to continue this series for at least the next few issues.

My thanks to Beverly Ray Burlingame, who has been the executive editor since the *Journal* began; to David Schultz, who was an associate editor on two previous issues and now returns; and to Wayne Schiess, a new associate editor.

Finally, my thanks to Thomas Cooley Law School for all its support. Thomas Cooley is a fitting home for the *Journal*: more than 15 years ago, the school decided that because legal writing is so important, the persons who teach it should have the same status as any other professor. That was a revolutionary idea — like the idea that lawyers should write in plain language.

— Joseph Kimble

