

# Scribes Book Award Winners

[For nearly 40 years, the Scribes Book Award has recognized books that exhibit “excellence in legal scholarship of an enduring nature.” Listed below are all the award winners through 1998. — The Editors]

- 1961      Joint Award:  
*Felix Frankfurter: Scholar on the Bench*  
Helen Shirley Thomas  
*The People and the Court: Judicial Review  
in a Democracy*  
Charles L. Black, Jr.
- 1962      *Death and the Supreme Court*  
Barrett Prettyman
- 1963      *A Bill Becomes a Law: The Civil Rights Act of 1960*  
Daniel M. Berman
- 1964      *The Language of the Law*  
David Mellinkoff
- 1965      *Strangers on a Bridge: The Case of Colonel Abel*  
James B. Donovan
- 1966      (No award given)
- 1967      *The Jury Returns*  
Louis Nizer
- 1968      *The Lawyers*  
Martin Mayer

- 1969      *On Law and Justice*  
Paul A. Freund
- 1970      *The Justices of the United States Supreme Court*  
1789–1969 (4 vols.)  
Leon Friedman & Fred. L. Israel
- 1971      (No award given)
- 1972      *The Defense Never Rests*  
F. Lee Bailey
- 1973      *A Question of Judgment*  
Robert Shogan
- 1974      *A History of American Law*  
Lawrence M. Friedman
- 1975      *Appellate Judicial Opinions*  
Robert A. Leflar
- 1976      *Simple Justice*  
Richard Kluger
- 1977      *Changing Law: A Biography of Arthur T. Vanderbilt*  
Arthur T. Vanderbilt II
- 1978      *American Constitutional Law*  
Laurence H. Tribe
- 1979      *Hugo Black and the Judicial Revolution*  
Gerald T. Dunne
- 1980      *The Grammatical Lawyer*  
Morton S. Freeman

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- 1981      *Independent Journey: The Life of W.O. Douglas*  
James F. Simon
- 1982      *Women in Law*  
Cynthia F. Epstein
- 1983      *When Government Speaks: Politics, Law, and  
Government Expression in America*  
Mark G. Yudof
- 1984      *Law and Revolution: The Formation of the  
Western Legal Tradition*  
Harold J. Berman
- 1985      *When Words Lose Their Meaning: Constitutions and  
Reconstitutions of Language, Character,  
and Community*  
James Boyd White
- 1986      *The Federal Courts: Crisis and Reform*  
Richard A. Posner

**Honorable Mentions:**

*Takings: Private Property and the Power of  
Eminent Domain*  
Richard A. Epstein

*Citizenship Without Consent: Illegal Aliens in  
the American Polity*  
Peter H. Schuck & Rogers M. Smith

- 1987 *Art Law: Rights and Liabilities of Creators  
and Collectors*  
Franklin Feldman, Stephen E. Weil &  
Susan Duke Biederman

Honorable Mentions:

*The Fundamentals of Legal Drafting*  
F. Reed Dickerson

*The Supreme Court and the American Family*  
Eva R. Rubin

- 1988 *Abortion and Divorce in Western Law*  
Mary Ann Glendon

Honorable Mentions:

*A Dictionary of Modern Legal Usage*  
Bryan A. Garner

*Natural Law and Justice*  
Lloyd L. Weinreb

- 1989 *Constitutional Faith*  
Sanford Levinson

- 1990 *Honorable Justice: The Life of Oliver Wendell Holmes*  
Sheldon M. Novick

Honorable Mentions:

*The Electronic Media and the Transformation of Law*  
M. Ethan Katsh

*Battle for Justice: How the Bork Nomination  
Shook America*  
Ethan Bronner

1991 *The Death of the Irreparable Injury Rule*  
Douglas Laycock

Honorable Mentions:

*Cardozo: A Study in Reputation*  
Richard A. Posner

*The Problems of Jurisprudence*  
Richard A. Posner

1992 *The Fourth Estate and the Constitution:  
Freedom of the Press in America*  
Lucas A. Scot Powe, Jr.

Honorable Mention:

*William Wayne Justice: A Judicial Biography*  
Frank R. Kemerer

1993 *Dream Makers, Dream Breakers: The World of  
Justice Thurgood Marshall*  
Carl T. Rowan

Honorable Mention:

*The Constitution in Conflict*  
Robert A. Burt

1994 *Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes: Law and the Inner Self*  
G. Edward White

Honorable Mention:

*The Oxford Dictionary of American Legal Quotations*  
Fred R. Shapiro

1995 *Hugo Black: A Biography*  
Roger K. Newman

**Honorable Mention:**

*Child Witnesses: Fragile Voices in the American  
Legal System*  
Lucy S. McGough

1996 *A Civil Action*  
Jonathan Harr

1997 *“Worse Than Slavery”: Parchman Farm and the  
Ordeal of Jim Crow Justice*  
David M. Oshinsky

1998 *Roscoe Pound & Karl Llewellyn: Searching for  
an American Jurisprudence*  
N.E.H. Hull

**Honorable Mentions:**

*Free Speech in Its Forgotten Years*  
David M. Rabban

*Most Humble Servants: The Advisory Role of  
Early Judges*  
Stewart Jay