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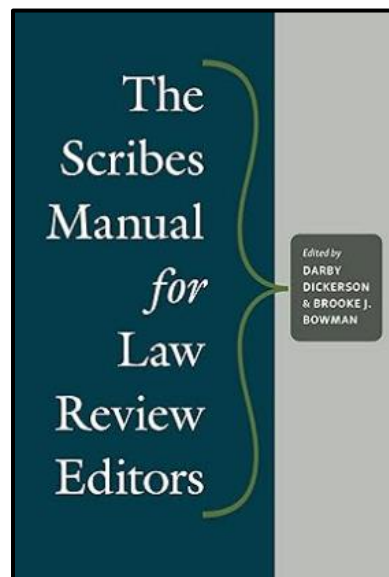
The Scribes Manual for Law Review Editors

Scribes is excited to announce the publication of [*The Scribes Manual for Law Review Editors*](#), edited by former Scribes president **Darby Dickerson**, who is the president and dean of the Southwestern Law School, and by long-time Scribes member **Brooke J. Bowman**, who is a law professor at the Stetson University College of Law.

The manual is designed to be the definitive reference book for student-editors who work on law journals. The 19 chapters, written by law librarians and law professors, will help student-editors "understand their roles and responsibilities and learn how their work fits within their law school's program of legal education."

Users will find information on the structure and organization of law reviews, the business side of law reviews, how to work with law librarians, common editorial positions, training for staff members, leadership styles, the editing process, author-editor relations, journal production and dissemination, postpublication considerations, copyright issues, and many other topics.

According to Mark E. Wojcik, a professor in the University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, "There hasn't been a book like this before, a book to help students understand and appreciate solicitation and editing of articles, leadership and operations of a law journal, academic and personal mentorship of editors and staff, and relationships with authors. . . . So if you're a law review editor or you aspire to be one, or if you're a faculty advisor to a law review, this is the book you've been waiting for."



Scribes Announces Law Review Award Winner

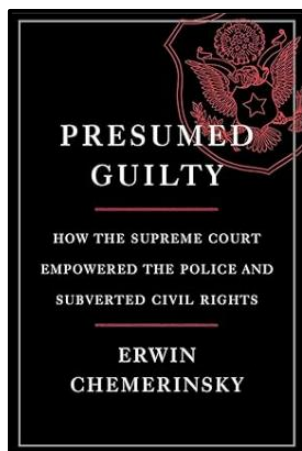
Starting in 1987, Scribes began an annual awards program recognizing exemplary student-written articles in law reviews and journals. This year's law review award winner is **Mona Alsaïdi**, who wrote "[Legally White, Effectively Othered: Recognizing and Investing](#)

[in Arab American Communities](#)," 94 Temple L.Rev. 99 (2021). In the first part of 2021, Alsaïdi was a legal intern at Legal Services NYC and the Office of Federal Operations. She then served as a legal intern for the U.S. Court of Appeals from August 2021 to April 2022.

Erwin Chemerinsky Wins 2022 Scribes Book Award

For more than six decades, Scribes has issued an award for the best legal-scholarship book published the previous year. Typically, 40–50 books are nominated annually, creating considerable competition. Therefore, the winning book and the honorable mentions are among the finest publications in terms of current legal scholarship.

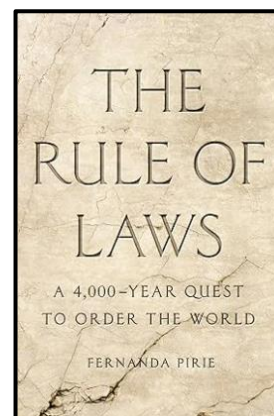
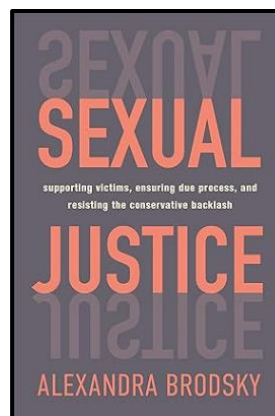
This year's award winner is **Erwin Chemerinsky**, who authored [Presumed Guilty: How the Supreme Court Empowered the Police and Subverted Civil Rights](#). The book delves into how the Supreme Court's rulings since the 1950s have enabled discriminatory policing and have sanctioned excessive law enforcement. *Presumed Guilty* shows "that an approach to policing that continues to exalt 'Dirty Harry' can be transformed only by a robust court system committed to civil rights."



Chemerinsky is the dean and Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of California's Berkeley School of Law.

Two honorable mentions were also selected:

- [Sexual Justice: Supporting Victims, Ensuring Due Process, and Resisting the Conservative Backlash](#), by **Alexandra Brodsky**, a civil rights lawyer with Public Justice
- [The Rule of Laws: A 4,000-Year Quest to Order the World](#), by **Fernanda Pirie**, a professor of the anthropology of law at the University of Oxford



We congratulate Chemerinsky, Brodsky, and Pirie on their outstanding publications!

For information about next year's award program, please contact us at scribeslegalwriters@gmail.com.

Three Legal Briefs Honored in This Year's Award Program

Scribes believes that developing legal-writing skills is of paramount importance for law students, and since 1996 the society has recognized the finest examples of student legal writing through the Brief-Writing Award. To qualify, submissions must have won an award at a regional or national moot court competition. The top 15–20 briefs are reviewed by Scribes' Brief-Writing-Award Committee, which selects the best of the best.

This year, Scribes is honoring three legal briefs, written by three student groups.

First Place

Morgan Vastag and Tanner Herrmann, University of Oklahoma College of Law (The brief is available on [Scribes' website](#).)

Second Place

Mollie Fiero, Tyler Fabbri, and Devin Mashman, University of Georgia School of Law

Third Place

J. Trent Cooper, Steven Higginbotham, and Elizabeth Nevle, South Texas College of Law

Mark Cooney Receives Joseph Kimble Distinguished Service Award

Each year, the Joseph Kimble Distinguished Service Award is conferred upon an individual who has made remarkable contributions to Scribes and its work over time.



For 2022, Scribes has selected **Mark Cooney** as the award recipient. Cooney began his career in 1992 as a civil litigator. In 2003, he accepted a faculty position in the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, where he has taught courses such as Drafting, Research and

Writing, Scholarly Writing, and Advocacy. He has served as the chair of the school's Research and Writing Department since 2011.

Cooney was the editor in chief for *The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing* from 2013 until the start of this year and now is the senior editor. In 2018, he was the corecipient of the Center for Plain Language's ClearMark Award in the Legal Documents category.

Additionally, he has published 2 books and upwards of 40 articles on legal writing, law, and legal practice. He has shared his knowledge about writing through preparing tips that have been featured in the Scribes Tuesday Tip series and in the State Bar of Michigan's daily calendar.

Welcome, National Order of Scribes Class of 2022

Scribes welcomes the following individuals, whom member law schools nominated to be part of the National Order of Scribes Class of 2022. The National Order of Scribes is an honorary organization, established in 2007, that recognizes graduating law students who have excellent legal-writing skills. Scribes congratulates these law students for their writing achievements.

Barry University Andreas School of Law

- Tabetha Bennett
- Connor Bishop
- Molly Mullen
- Juan Torrico

California Western School of Law

- Emily Reeves
- Chelsey Barkley

Mercer University School of Law

- Douglas E. Comin
- Rafael A. Guarin
- Elliza Guta
- Dana M. Nagel
- Shreya H. Shah

South Texas College of Law

- Dena Lipper
- Alexandria Lora-Whitmer
- Jay O'Bryant
- Jose Pablo Salas
- Lexus Srilamsingha

Southwestern Law School

- Arman Avagyan
- Alexandra Christensen
- Nicolas Gomez
- Kimberly Morosi

Stetson University College of Law

- Payton Fletcher
- Elizabeth Kellar
- Graham Marcus
- Kathryn Saienni
- Whitney Sousa

Syracuse University College of Law

- William Cost
- Molly Graham
- Hannah Hapeman
- Gabriella Kielbasinski
- Leita Powers
- Hayley Rousselle
- Samir Shah

Texas A&M University School of Law

- Spencer Lockwood
- Ana-Victoria Moreno Scherer
- David S. Morrison
- Arjun Padmanabhan
- Daeja Pemberton
- Nicholas A. Roide

Texas Tech University School of Law

- Xenna K. Davis
- Taylor Cheyenne Holley

University of Houston Law Center

- To Nhu T. Huynh
- Charisma R. Nguendo
- Tiffany C. Penner
- Emory C. Powers
- Thomas W. Shattuck

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law

- Steven Angell
- Jesse Carbonaro
- Luke Haberkorn
- Audrey Meyer
- Haley Molinaro
- Hannah Morrissey
- Alana Reyes Jones

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law

- Tanner Castro
- Madyson Hinkel Bathke
- Allison Imam-Hedrick
- Victoria Nguyen Noam
- Jessica Phipps

In the Limelight

Jillian L. Schumacher, a partner at Daniels & Tredennick, won the Houston Young Lawyers Association's 2022 Woodrow B. Seals Outstanding Young Lawyer of Houston Award.



She also won the Texas Young Lawyers Association's 2022 Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas Award.

Schumacher has served as lead counsel in the Supreme Court of Texas, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Prior to joining Daniels & Tredennick as an appellate lawyer, Schumacher spent several years as a law clerk in two appellate courts.

Schumacher has also served on the Houston Bar Association Appellate Council and as the editor in chief of the *Appellate Lawyer*. Further, she has spoken and written on various appellate topics, and her work has been presented in the State Bar of Texas's Advanced Civil Appellate Practice Course.

Scribes Hosts CLE Webinars

In October, Scribes held the webinar “**No Laughing Matter: Pop Culture and Humor in Judicial Opinions.**” Scribes vice president **John G. Browning** moderated the panel. The panelists included **James C. Ho**, a judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; **John B. Owens**, a judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; **Tessa L. Dysart**, a professor at the University of Arizona College of Law; **Jason P. Steed**, a lawyer at Kilpatrick Townsend in Texas; and **Chad Baruch**, a lawyer at Johnston Tobey Baruch in Texas.

A [recording](#) of the webinar is available for those who were unable to attend the live event.

On January 26, 2022, the webinar “**Legal Writing, a Virtual Panel Discussion**” was cosponsored by Scribes and Attorney Protective Insurance. The panel discussion was moderated by **Darby Dickerson**, president and dean of the Southwestern Law School, and the panel featured **Erwin Chemerinsky**, dean and professor of law at the University of California's Berkeley School of Law; **Allyson N. Ho**, partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and cochair of the firm's Appellate and Constitutional Law Practice group; and **Wallace B. Jefferson**, partner at Alexander Dubose & Jefferson and former chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas.