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Kem Thompson Frost Receives the Joseph Kimble Distinguished Service Award

Scribes is pleased to announce that the Honorable Kem Thompson Frost is the recipient of the 2023 Joseph Kimble Distinguished Service Award. Each year, Scribes gives the award to a member who has made exceptional contributions to Scribes and its work over the years, as Frost certainly has.

Frost served as a judge in the Fourteenth Court of Appeals in Texas for nearly 22 years. At the time of retiring in 2020, she was the chief justice of the court. Before becoming a judge, she enjoyed a 15-year practice as a civil and appellate lawyer with two large Texas-based law firms.

During her time in the Fourteenth Court of Appeals, she wrote more opinions and other pieces than has any other judge in the history of the court. Even after retiring, Frost has remained a prolific writer, regularly penning articles for legal journals and online publications. She especially enjoys authoring pieces aimed at improving laws and the legal system.

Over the years, she has held leadership positions in various organizations and professional groups, and she currently serves on the boards of Scribes, the Texas Tech Law School Foundation, and the Garland Walker Inn of the American Inns of Court. She also enjoys planning educational programs, speaking at conferences and symposia, chairing projects and programs in the legal community, directing reenactments of famous cases, and mentoring law students and those new to the profession.

Because of her contributions to the bar, the community, and the legal profession, she has received many honors and awards. In 2019, she was Inducted into the Texas Leadership Hall of Fame. Scribes congratulates Frost on her newest award.



Scribes Honors Frederick Schauer with 2023 Book Award

Each year since 1961, Scribes has honored the authors of outstanding legal-scholarship books through the Book Award program. From the many submissions received, the Book-Award Committee selects one winner and two honorable mentions.

This year, the Book Award winner is **Frederick Schauer**, who wrote [*The Proof: Uses of Evidence in Law, Politics, and Everything Else*](#). The book provides insights on the challenges of determining the truth, explains “how to reason more effectively in everyday life, shows why people often reason poorly, and makes the case that evidence is not just a matter of legal rules, it is the cornerstone of judgment.”



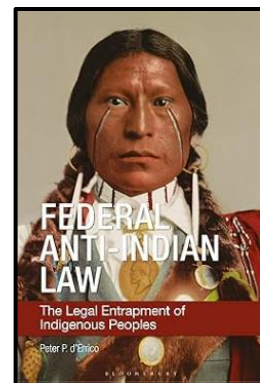
Schauer was previously the David and Mary Harrison Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Virginia. He was also a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the British Academy, was the Frank Stanton Professor of the First Amendment at Harvard University, and was a founding editor of the journal *Legal Theory*.

Scribes congratulates Schauer on *The Proof* and his other literary accomplishments.

Scribes also recognizes the following honorable mentions for 2023:

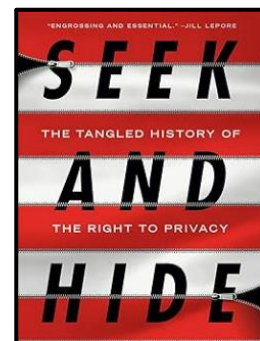
- [*Federal Anti-Indian Law: The Legal Entrapment of Indigenous Peoples*](#),

by **Peter P. d'Errico**, who taught at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst for more than 30 years and now is a professor emeritus of legal studies



- [*Seek and Hide: The Tangled History of the Right to Privacy*](#), by

Amy Gajda, who is a professor in the Tulane Law School and a former journalist who was a legal commentator on Illinois public radio stations; she has been featured in publications such as *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, and *Newsweek*.



Two Articles Win 2023 Law Review Award

Each year for more than four decades, Scribes has annually honored the best student-written articles published in law reviews and journals. This year, Scribes has selected two articles as winners of the Law Review Award:

“[*ICRA’S Exclusionary Rule*](#),” by **Seth Montgomery**, a student in Boston University’s School of Law

“[*Indian Boarding School Deaths and the Federal Tort Claims Act: A Route to a Remedy*](#),” by **Claire Newfeld**, a student in Arizona State University’s Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law

Scribes Announces Brief-Writing Award Winners

Scribes recognizes the importance of law students developing strong writing skills, and the society uses the Brief-Writing Award to recognize students who have demonstrated excellent writing skills in legal briefs. To be considered for the award, the legal briefs must have won an award at a regional or national moot court competition. The Scribes' Brief-Writing-Award Committee reviews the best 15–20 briefs that have been nominated for the award and then selects the top submissions.

This year, Scribes has selected two first-place briefs as well as one second-place brief and one third-place brief:

First Place

Kevin Collareno and Sean Dunne, University of Illinois Chicago School of Law

Taylor Holley, Texas Tech University School of Law

Second Place

Amy Oltmanns, Jessica James Curtis, and Rebecca Braun-Harrison, University of Oklahoma College of Law

Third Place

Gina Ahmar, Megan McNamara, and Zoe Tatarsky, University of California College of the Law, San Francisco

In The Limelight

Scribes is not the only organization that recognizes the caliber of our members. Recently, several Scribes members were honored by other organizations. Read on for details.

Warren W. Harris

Warren W. Harris, an appellate attorney at Bracewell in Houston, won the Anti-Defamation League's **2023 Karen H. Susman Jurisprudence Award**. Harris received the award for his exceptional commitment to the legal community.

Michele Jochner

Michele Jochner, a partner at Schiller DuCanto & Fleck in Chicago, was featured in

the **Lawyer Spotlight** by the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism. The commission spotlights Illinois lawyers who demonstrate professionalism in day-to-day life.

Joseph Kimble

Joseph Kimble, distinguished professor emeritus at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, received the Roberts R. Hudson Award, the State Bar of Michigan's highest award. The annual award is given to a Michigan lawyer who provides "outstanding and unique service to and on behalf of the State Bar, the legal profession, and the public."

National Order of Scribes Class of 2023 Announced

Scribes welcomes the following individuals, whom member law schools nominated to be included in the National Order of Scribes Class of 2023. The National Order of Scribes was established in 2007 as an honorary organization that recognizes graduating law students who have demonstrated outstanding legal-writing skills. Scribes wishes these graduates the best as they begin their careers.

Barry University Andreas School of Law

- Dayana Blanco
- Kasey Cave
- Kaitlynn Ramsay
- Adrian Ruano
- Riley Williams

Baylor Law School

- Andrew Boone
- Michael Tagliabue
- Neali Lambert
- Christine Barfield
- Cade Palmer

Case Western Reserve University School of Law

- Matthew Borcas
- Kennedy Dickson
- James Genetin
- Bari Love
- Andrew Thompson

Elon University School of Law

- Alexis Marie Holloway
- Isabella Theresa Gallelli
- Nicolette Anne Eddy
- Todd Michael Bowyer
- Campbell Kate Kargo

Mercer University School of Law

- Tatiana Dobretsov
- Emma Duke
- Jordan Lipp
- Zach Mullinax
- Benjamin Walker

South Texas College of Law

- Lance Felicien
- Maha Ghyas
- Garrett Gray
- Taylor Leger
- Anna Pham

Southwestern Law School

- Elena Cordonean
- Nicolas Gomez
- James Bohan-Mendoza
- Alexis Stoker

St. Mary's University School of Law

- Heather C. Montoya
- Brianna I. Chapa

Syracuse University College of Law

- Maureen Blennerhassett
- Katherine Barnett
- Rebecca Buchanan
- Emily Pascale
- Marc Pietropaoli
- Meghan Steenburgh

Texas A&M University School of Law

- Paige Elizabeth Alderink
- Angelika Rose Anderson
- Kyle Lee Dockendorf
- Emily Bryn Garza
- Merrick Max Dillard Hayashi

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

- Sarah Kathleen Charlton
- Logan Frederick Householder
- Connor H. Judson
- Danielle K. Kaminski
- Elena Christine Shepherd

University of Akron School of Law

- J. Noah Spinner
- Ann Langton
- Megan Parker
- Hayley McElroy
- Demetria Kimble

University of Houston Law Center

- LaTheena (Bebe) Thomas
- Emma Myles
- Andrew Jacobs
- Michael T. Dinnella
- Mallika Dargan
- Jessie C. Drennen
- Jack O. Lenske
- W. Quentin Manuel

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law

- Joelle Juarez
- Bonnie Perrinno
- Kaylee Hartman
- Carol Frugoli
- Nicole Vanek
- Lucas Szulczynski
- Oliver Shindler
- Kiesha Mull

University of Mississippi School of Law

- William Morris
- Victoria Neal
- Dallas Martin
- Garner Vance
- Chloe James
- Mary Anna Brand

University of Oklahoma College of Law

- Adam H. Hines
 - Nicholas B. Rinehart
 - Logan C. Hibbs
 - Lindsey N. Gonzalez
 - Jennie A. Hill
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Scribes Hosts Annual CLE Webinar

On October 13, Scribes held a webinar titled “[The Use of AI in Legal Writing](#).” This thought-provoking and timely panel discussion examined the impact of generative AI on legal writing.

The discussion was moderated by **John G. Browning**, a former Texas appellate justice who chairs the State Bar of Texas AI Taskforce, and featured the following panelists:

- **Jacqueline Schafer**, the founder and CEO of Clearbrief, which won the Litigation Technology Product of the Year award this year
- **Joe Regalia**, a law professor at the William S. Boyd School of Law and a legal writing and technology consultant
- **Robert Scavone Jr.**, an appellate lawyer at Florida Appeals and a member of the Florida Bar's Appellate Court Rules Committee and Code and Rules of Evidence Committee

The panelists discussed what AI is, how it is being used and misused by lawyers, how AI can be used ethically and effectively in legal writing, and how courts are reacting to the use of generative AI.

After the panel discussion, Scribes recognized some of the 2023 winners of Scribes awards, including Book Award winner Frederick Schauer.

[Watch the webinar](#) to learn more about AI in legal writing, about the Scribes awards, and about the 2023 award winners.

