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Join Our 2024 CLE Webinar

Scribes is excited to announce that it will hold its 2024 CLE webinar, titled “**Legal Writing for the Digital Reader**,” on Friday, December 13, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. EST.

The webinar will feature two speakers: **Ivy B. Grey**, the chief strategy officer at editing-software company WordRake and a Scribes board member, and **Joseph A. Rosenberg**, a law professor at the City University of New York School of Law and a leading voice on the intersection of legal writing and technology.

Through attending this webinar, you will learn about the unique characteristics of digital reading and the implications for legal writers. You will also learn strategies for making legal writing more concise and engaging, including through typography and layout decisions. By applying the information and techniques presented in this webinar, you will be better able to prepare content that is clear, compelling, and memorable on any screen.

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**LEGAL WRITING
FOR THE DIGITAL READER**

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Recent Publications by Scribes Members

Scribes would like to congratulate three society members on their recent publications.

Mark Cooney

Mark Cooney and Diana J. Simon coauthored the first-ever casebook on legal writing, titled [**The Case for Effective Legal Writing: Court Opinions, Commentary, and Exercises.**](#)

Cooney is a professor at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and Simon is a professor at the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law.

Kem Thompson Frost and Jillian L. Schumacher

Kem Thompson Frost and Jillian L. Schumacher coauthored the article "[**Writing-Focused Mentoring,**](#)" which was published in *The Bench*, the magazine of the American Inns of Court. Frost is a retired chief justice of the Fourteenth Court of Appeals in Texas, and Schumacher is a partner at Daniels & Tredennick.

Did You Know: Annual CLE Materials Available for Review

Scribes' annual CLE in-person meetings and webinars are a great way for you to learn about current topics and trends in legal writing. Even if you are not able to attend the live events, you still have opportunities to benefit from these outstanding sessions. The Scribes webpage [**Events & CLE**](#) contains recordings and other resources from many of the CLE events hosted since 2016. Here is a summary of the available content.

2016: Legal Writing: From Basics to Application

Presentation slides are available for the following sessions at this in-person meeting:

- "[**Ethics and Writing**](#)"
- "[**Storytelling for Lawyers**](#)"
- "[**Opinion Writing**](#)"
- "[**Basic Writing Tips**](#)"

2017: Legal Writing: Art and Craft

Presentation slides are available for the following sessions at this in-person meeting:

- "[**50 Shades of Black: A Panel of Judges Discuss the Nuances of Opinion Writing**](#)"

- "[**Socially Unacceptable? Ethical Issues in Attorney Use of Social Media**](#)"

2018: Well Written

Presentation slides are available for the following sessions at this in-person meeting:

- "[**Another Dimension to Communication—the Legal Significance of Emoji**](#)"
- "[**Cultural Competency and Legal Writing for U.S. Practitioners**](#)"
- "[**Brain Training for Better Writing**](#)"

2021: "Should Legal Writing Be 'Woke'?"

The webinar consisted of a panel discussion, and moderator John G. Browning wrote an [**article**](#), published in *The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing*, summarizing the main points that the panelists addressed.

2022: "No Laughing Matter"

A [**recording**](#) of the webinar is available.

2023: "The Use of AI in Legal Writing"

A [**recording**](#) of the webinar is available.