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Ways to Make Your Scribes Membership More Meaningful

Whether you're a newly minted or long-time member of Scribes, there are likely actions you can take to make your membership more meaningful. Here is a list of ideas to consider.

- Join Scribes's [Communication and Membership committee](#), which publishes *The Scrivener*, creates posts for Scribes's social media pages, suggests new content for the society's website, and develops and implements initiatives to increase membership and awareness of Scribes.
- Attend a [Scribes CLE event](#).
- Plan or teach a **Scribes course, webinar, or other educational program or workshop**. To express interest, email Darby Dickerson at ddickerson@swlaw.edu.
- Write an article for [The Scribes Journal](#) or [The Scrivener](#).
- [Suggest a topic](#) for an **article, CLE presentation, or Tuesday writing tip**.
- Help **establish a Scribes student chapter** at your alma mater.
- Serve as a **resource, mentor, or coach** for a [Scribes student chapter](#).
- **Collaborate** with other Scribes members on a **writing project**.
- Read about and congratulate [members in the news](#).
- [Suggest](#) members to **spotlight**.
- Follow Scribes on [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Key Tips to Increase Scribes's Reach

Scribes was established in 1953 with the goal of promoting clear, succinct, impactful legal writing. The society achieves this objective through a variety of efforts, including *The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing*, *The Scrivener* newsletter, CLE webinars and other professional development programs, and annual writing and service awards.

Scribes wants to increase its reach so it can benefit more legal writers. To do that, the society needs your help. Here are ways you can increase awareness of Scribes in the legal community:

- Become a [sustaining member or a life member](#).
- Talk to your **employer and your alma mater** about becoming [institutional members](#).
- Use Scribes [publications](#) in your work.
- Recommend that **outstanding colleagues join Scribes**. Lawyers who qualify to be [regular members](#) pay \$75 per year to receive all member benefits.
- Tell **law students and new lawyers** about Scribes and the professional development opportunities it provides. Student editors pay just \$15 per year, and lawyers who graduated fewer than five years ago pay just \$25 per year.

Scribes and American Inns of Court Join Forces to Present a Three-Part CLE Series

Scribes and the American Inns of Court are excited to announce that they are jointly rolling out a three-part webinar series on AI in legal writing. The first part, titled **AI for Legal Writers: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**, will feature Christina Crozier, a legal writing professor at the University of Houston Law Center and a member of Haynes Boone's appellate practice group.

When used well, generative AI has great promise to improve legal writing and

maximize efficiency. But generative AI also presents significant risks for unwary legal writers. This webinar will explore effective uses of generative AI and highlight warnings about its potential pitfalls.

