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LSU's Michelle Shamblin Wins Law-Review Award

by Richard Wydick

Scribes presented its 2009 Law-Review Award to Michelle Shamblin, a 2009 graduate of the law school at Louisiana State University. The annual Scribes award goes to the law student who writes the best law-review comment or note of the prior year. Ms. Shamblin received the award in Baton Rouge at a gala dinner party for some 350 law-review editors, sponsored by Westlaw®, the Thomson Reuters online legal research service. Mr. Foster Blair represented Thomson Reuters at the event, which was held in conjunction with the 2009 National Conference of Law Reviews, hosted by Southern University Law Center.

Ms. Shamblin's note, *Silencing Chicken Little: Options for School Districts after Parents Involved*, 69 La. L. Rev. 219 (2008), analyzes the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District No. 1*, 551 U.S. 701 (2007), which struck down two public-school racial-integration programs, holding that governmentally imposed race-based distinctions always require strict scrutiny and must be narrowly tailored to achieve a compelling governmental interest. Justices Breyer, Souter, Ginsburg, and Stevens dissented, warning that the majority holding sets back K-12 school integration efforts and threatens the 1954 decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*. Many commentators agree with the dissent, but Ms. Shamblin argues that the sky isn't falling after all. School districts can still seek racial

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The President's Column

by Stuart Shiffman

On August 1, Scribes held its annual luncheon at the Swissotel in conjunction with activities at the American Bar Association summer meeting in Chicago. This event was an opportunity for members of Scribes from across the country to gather and recognize many outstanding contributions to legal writing.

At our St. Louis board meeting this past March, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was selected as the recipient of the Scribes Lifetime-Achievement Award. This award is given to a member of the legal profession whose work epitomizes the high quality of legal writing that our organization supports. Teaching commitments prevented Justice Ginsburg from traveling to Chicago to accept the award in person, so board member Bryan Garner delivered the award to her in her chambers at the Supreme Court. Justice Ginsburg graciously provided Bryan with videotaped remarks that were played at the luncheon.

In addition, we recognized the winner of the Scribes Book Award, our selection of the best work of legal scholarship and writing published during 2008. This year, more than 40 books were submitted by publishers from across the nation. *The Challenge: Hamdan v. Rumsfeld and the Fight over Presidential Power* by Jonathan Mahler was selected as the winner. Signed copies of the book were available for purchase in Chicago.

We also recognized the winning student briefs selected by our Brief-Writing Committee. Each year, outstanding law-student briefs submitted in national

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moot-court competitions are submitted to Scribes. Our volunteer screeners (see page 7) select the finalists, and the “best of the best” is chosen by our selection committee. This year's winning student authors—Justin Jensen, Stephanie Holcombe, and Bridget Burke from South Texas College of Law—received their awards in Chicago.

This year also marks the 25th anniversary of the Legal Writing Institute. Scribes recognized the

organization with a scroll that listed some of its extraordinary accomplishments and noted our common goal of improving legal writing.

Our annual luncheon is always a wonderful opportunity for members of our organization to meet new acquaintances and renew friendships, and this one was no exception. Special thanks go to Thomson West for its assistance in sponsoring the luncheon.

(Editor's note: the next issue will have more information and photos from the annual meeting.)

The Rose of Aberlone Story: A Reader Update and an Epilogue

Dear editor:

I read with great interest the article “To Err Is Human, to Moo, Bovine: The Rose of Aberlone Story” in the Spring 2009 issue of *The Scrivener*. As your article noted, the original poem by Professor Brainerd Currie was first published in the *Harvard Law Record*, the student newspaper at Harvard Law School, in March 1954 (it was republished in the *Record* in 1960).

I was President of the *Record* in the spring of 1968, during the great counterculture of the late 1960s, which included (some years after *Griswold v. Connecticut*) the so-called New Morality. The *Record* received a letter from Dr. Alexander Smith, Q.C., University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, containing an epilogue to the original “Rose of Aberlone” poem written by Dr. Smith as an expression of gratitude to Professor Currie. The content of the epilogue reflected the New Morality of the times, and we printed the epilogue in our March 21 issue of the *Record*, together with the accompanying note from Dr. Smith, a brief editorial note explaining the context, and a photograph of a cow posing as Rose (with caption).

I enclose a copy of the epilogue and related materials as published in the *Record*. . . . As President, I wrote the editorial note. The photo editor declined my request to take a photo of a cow (he was from Texas), so I went out to a dairy farm in Lexington, Mass., and obtained permission from the owner to take a picture of a cow posing as Rose. (It was my first and only photo credit.) I also chose the photo caption. I later framed an enlargement of the photo and the epilogue, which I possess to this day.

For your information, after law school, I spent four years in the Navy JAG program, followed by litigation practice, most of it as an associate and then partner at Shearman & Sterling in New York. I am now retired from the practice of law and living in Connecticut. Besides having written eight articles for *Proof of Facts* over the last several years, I also teach legal research and writing to undergraduates in the Legal Studies Program at the University of New Haven.

In any event, thanks for publishing the article on Rose. It rekindles fond memories on my part.

Very truly yours,

Thomas Geisler

(From the March 21, 1968, issue of the Harvard Law Record. The Scrivener thanks the Record.)

The New Morality

(Ed. Note: The following was received from Dr. Alexander Smith, Q.C., University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta. Although the RECORD does not currently solicit poetry or fiction, the following is printed because, as noted below, it is the Epilogue to a poem which appeared originally in the RECORD. The Epilogue was written in 1967, which explains the reference to “four score years” in the first line. Dr. Smith writes: “Year after year in my course in Contracts I have employed, as illustrative of the vexed problem of common mistake in relation to the subject-matter, the case of *Sherwood v. Walker*, 66 Mich. 568 (1887), involving the pedigreed Aberdeen Angus, *Rose 2nd of Aberlone*.” It will be recalled that *Rose* was originally thought by both parties to be sterile, but that this proved erroneous. Dr. Smith adds: “The turgidity of the analysis and discussion has been lightened and relaxed by a reference to that delightful poem by Professor Brainerd Currie, *The Rose of Aberlone*, first appearing in the RECORD of March 1954 and again in the issue of March 1960.” The Epilogue was written as an expression of gratitude to Professor Currie.)

Rose of Aberlone An Epilogue

As precisely four score years have passed,
Truth, long suppressed, may out at last.

In bovine Valhall *Rose* quotes with glee:
“Oh, what fools these mortals be.”

Thought ye *Rose* was really sterile?
That Scots lass was in no such peril.

Obdurately defying priest & preacher —
Womanly duties they could not teach her.

Of procreation she'd had her fill.
So *Rose* the 2nd just took the pill.



Special Thanks to John Chiesa, Lexington
Photo by Thomas Geisler

No Use Crying . . .

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More Haiku from Our Readers

After we asked for legal haiku in the last two issues of *The Scrivener*, we received several more examples from our members. We're still waiting for yours.

Sent by **Rene Williams, J.D.** and **Diane Gunnels-Rowley, J.D.**, Tempe, Arizona:

I am not guilty

I am not guilty.
The police did falsify.
I'm in prison, why?

I did not do it

I did not do it.
But if I did, my counsel
was ineffective.

I make my appeal

I make my appeal,
to release me from this cell.
Can we make a deal?

I will act crazy

I will act crazy,
I will plead insanity,
no death penalty.

I made confession

I made confession.
Lord forgives me for my crime.
Next up: parole board.

Called out to the scene

Called out to the scene,
another body I find.
I'm always behind.

Procrastination

My brief is now due.
I am writing this haiku,
Procrastination.

Sent by **Mitchell C. Tilner**, Encino, California:

No. 1

Your authority
is as good as month-old milk.
Next time, shepardize.

No. 2

An appellant's dream,
a respondent's worst nightmare.
Reversed with directions.

No. 3

The practice of law
would be more pleasant without
annoying clients.

No. 4

Budgeting a case.
Accounting for surprises.
Opposing counsel.

No. 5

When did you repair
that big crack in the sidewalk?
Objection sustained.

No. 6

Three years of law school.
Thousands of dollars in loans.
Must I flip burgers?

Sent by **Rick Linsk**, a student-editor member from St. Paul, Minnesota:

Law Clerk

Clearly, the adverbs
In your brief signal that your
Argument is weak.

Oral Argument

"May it please the court—"
Questions, questions, more questions.
"Back to my point"—Time!

Sent by **Lynne P. Iannelli**, a life member from Southampton, Pennsylvania:

Writer's Block

My brief is soon due.
I am without an idea,
of what I should write!

A Recipe for Failure

I must go to court.
Legal research is a chore.
I will just wing it.

News from Members

Sidney Bernstein, President of Scribes in 1971–1972, died recently. His son, Michael Bernstein, with Arnold & Porter LLP in Washington, D.C., sent us this information.

My father was a graduate of Columbia College and The Cornell Law School. Most of his career (40 years or so) was in legal publishing. At various times he was Assistant Managing Editor of The Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Company, Associate Editor-in-Chief and Assistant to the President of Matthew Bender, Vice President and Publisher of Thompson Publishing Company, President and Chief Executive Officer of Kluwer Law Book Publishers, and Vice President and Publisher of Harcourt Brace Professional Publishers. He was an elected member of the American Law Institute and served as chairman of the criminal-law section of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA).

He wrote ATLA's briefs in the leading search-and-seizure cases *U.S. v. Leon* and *Illinois v. Gates*. He was the editor of a multivolume treatise called *Criminal Defense Techniques*, and he was a frequent lecturer on criminal constitutional law issues. For many years, he wrote the "Supreme Court Review" column for *TRIAL* magazine. And he was President of Scribes in 1971–1972. He also wrote a book, published in 1991, called *How to Write a Love Letter That Works*.

Aside from legal and professional interests, he was active in Jewish and Israel-related organizations. He was President of Congregation Beth-El in La Jolla, California, and a member of the Board of Directors of Temple Beth-Am in Margate, FL. He volunteered for the Israel Defense Forces and served as Executive Vice President of the Golda Meir Society, where he worked on peace initiatives between Israel and the Palestinians.

He is survived by two children, four grandchildren, and his wife, Beverly Bernstein.

The board announces . . .

The Scribes Board of Directors is pleased to make the following announcements: **Norman E. Plate** is the new Executive Director of Scribes. **Dewey Cole** and **Chris Wren** were reelected to serve another two years on the Board of Directors. And **Beth Cohen**, Director of the Research & Writing program at Western New England College School of Law, was elected to serve for a two-year term on the Board of Directors.

National Order of Scribes Announces 2009 Inductees

In 2007, Scribes created the National Order of Scribes as an honorary organization to recognize graduating law students who excel in legal writing. Each year, law schools that are institutional members of Scribes may nominate up to five students to be inducted. Nominees receive a certificate and a one-year complimentary membership in Scribes, including a subscription to *The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing*. Member schools nominate students who excel in legal writing, as demonstrated by, for example, superior grades in legal-writing courses, publication in a law journal, or teaching fellowships.

The names of all the 2009 nominees are posted on the Scribes website, www.scribes.org.



Stetson University College of Law presented certificates to its 2009 inductees into the National Order of Scribes. Pictured are, left to right: Ian Larson, Emily Tejerira, Dean Darby Dickerson, and Stephanie Kwan. Also inducted but not shown, Lindsey Kofoeil.

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integration, she asserts, by using race-neutral and even some race-conscious strategies to maintain or achieve integration.

The Scribes committee that chose Ms. Shamblin's note from among the many nominated works is made up of Glen-Peter Ahlers (Barry University), Mary Bowman (Seattle University), Daniel Karon (Goldman, Scarlato & Karon, P.C.), Richard Leiter (University of Nebraska, Lincoln), Robert Markle (U.S. Department of Justice), and Richard Wydick (University of California, Davis). Long after picking her note, the committee learned that Ms. Shamblin is an extraordinary

young woman. At LSU she graduated first in her law-school class, and she earned the top grade in 17 of her law-school courses. In addition to her work on the *Louisiana Law Review*, she participated in moot-court and trial-advocacy competitions, the student advisory board, the local Inn of Court, and the

Federalist Society. After graduation, she began clerking for Chief Judge Edith Jones of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. For fun, she sings, plays the piano and flute, rides horses, and kickboxes. In short, she is not a person to be trifled with.

Each of the 350 editors at the award dinner received a reprint of Ms. Shamblin's note to take home and use as a model for next year's crop of law-review writers. In presenting the award, the committee chair, Richard Wydick, pointed out three features of Ms. Shamblin's note that offer useful guidance:

First, observe that Ms. Shamblin picked a highly charged, politically divisive topic—a 5-to-4 Supreme Court decision about racial integration in public schools. Ms. Shamblin handled it well, Wydick said, but a beginning law-review writer should not feel obliged to

pick such a topic. Wydick pointed out that his own first note concerned the use of eminent domain to “take” a flood easement on a navigable stream—not a thriller.

Second, observe Ms. Shamblin's deft use of footnotes. She doesn't buy the advice of those tiny-minded law-review editors who demand a footnote after absolutely every statement of fact or law. Use a footnote if it will advance the argument, or will acknowledge the writer's debt to a prior author, or will lead the reader to an important reference. But remember that every footnote invites the reader's eyes and mind to stray from the writer's line of argument. Observe also that Ms. Shamblin is restrained in her use of long textual footnotes.

Along about the third or fourth draft, law-review writers are tempted to pick out pieces of text that don't quite fit the main argument, but that took so much effort to research and write that they now seem too precious to throw away, so they get put into textual footnotes.

Wydick's advice: cut them,

give them a caption, and copy them into a computer file called *Commonplace*, or something similar. In *Commonplace*, you will gather a career-long supply of bits and pieces that may come in handy someday when you are writing something else.

Third, observe that the Appendix to Ms. Shamblin's note consists of original research: data that she dug out for herself by surveying the 70 public-school districts in her home state, Louisiana. Biologists, economists, archaeologists, chemists, psychologists, and almost every other kind of -ist are expected to create their own data, but members of the legal profession seem to think that “research” means hunting for something that earlier said what we want to say. Perhaps we law professors need to start teaching statistics and techniques of social-science research along with legal doctrine.

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These people read multiple briefs that were nominated for the 2009 Scribes Brief-Writing Award and selected the best 20 to be reviewed by the Committee. Scribes extends a sincere thank-you for their hard work.

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