

Scribes – The American Society of Legal Writers
2016 CLE Program
“Legal Writing: From Basics to Application”
The John Marshall Law School
315 S. Plymouth Court
Chicago, IL 60604
Friday, April 15, 2016
1:00 p.m.

Program includes 3.5 hours of CLE credit on topics of “ethics and writing,” “storytelling for lawyers,” “opinion writing panel,” and “basic writing tips.”

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| 1:00 p.m. | Registration |
| 1:15 p.m. | Welcome – Prof. Mark E. Wojcik, The John Marshall Law School, Vice President of Scribes—The American Society of Legal Writers |
| 1:20 p.m. | Welcome – The Honorable Michael B. Hyman, Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court (First District), President of Scribes—The American Society of Legal Writers |
| 1:30-2:25 p.m. | Ethics and Writing Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Honorable Thomas Donnelly, Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County (Moderator)• Prof. Kevin L. Hopkins, The John Marshall Law School• Chief Justice Kem Thompson Frost, Texas Court of Appeals (Houston)• Dennis Rendleman, Lead Senior Counsel for Ethics, American Bar Association Center for Professional Responsibility |
| 2:30-3:25 p.m. | Storytelling for Lawyers Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Darby Dickerson, Dean and W. Frank Newton Endowed Professor of Law, Texas Tech University School of Law (Moderator)• Prof. Jill Patterson, Texas Tech University, English Department• Prof. Lisa McElroy, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law—Philadelphia |
| 3:30-4:25 p.m. | Opinion Writing Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Honorable Kevin G. Ross, Minnesota Court of Appeals (St. Paul) (Moderator) |

- The Honorable Mary Jane Theis, Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court
- The Honorable David Ellis, Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court (First District), award-winning author of multiple fiction novels, and member of the Mystery Writers of America
- The Honorable A. Benjamin Goldgar, Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois

4:30-5:15 p.m.

Basic Writing Tips

- Prof. Mark Cooney, Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School and Editor-in-Chief, *The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing*
- Prof. Kim Chanbonpin, Director of Lawyering Skills, The John Marshall Law School, and President-Elect, Legal Writing Institute

5:15 p.m.

Reception

5:30 p.m.

Presentation of the Scribes Book Award to Wil Haygood, author of *Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination That Changed America* (Alfred A. Knopf 2015).

5:45 p.m.

Vote on Scribes Constitution and Bylaws

6:00 p.m.

Presentation of Lifetime Achievement Awards and Q&A

- **Bryan Garner** (Presenter), Founder and President of LawProse, Inc., Distinguished Research Professor of Law at Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, author of more than two dozen books and editor of *Black's Law Dictionary*
- **The Honorable Frank H. Easterbrook**, Judge and former Chief Judge (2006-2013), U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- **The Honorable Richard A. Posner**, Judge and former Chief Judge (1993-2000), U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit