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Profiles of Our Institutional Members: The University of Texas School of Law

Like all things in Texas, the University of Texas School of Law is big. And it's been big for a long time; by 1935, it had become one of the largest law schools in the United States. Today the law school has more than 1,400 students and offers the J.D. degree along with three LL.M. programs.

It began as a mere "department" of law when the University of Texas at Austin was founded in 1883. Two professors and fifty-two students met in a basement. In 1901, the department appointed its first dean, John C. Townes, and moved out of the basement into its own building. In 1922, *The Texas Law Review* appeared. Then in 1920, the Department of Law became the University of Texas School of Law.

As Dean Larry Sager explains, while UT is a large law school offering a legal education in small settings, its home city of Austin is small but lives large. Austin is



The University of Texas School of Law.

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2010 Scribes Board Meeting Held in Chicago

Scribes held its 2010 annual board meeting at the ITT Chicago-Kent College of Law on March 2. Early that Saturday morning, Dean Hal Krent of Chicago-Kent welcomed the board and affirmed his law school's support of Scribes. Scribes President Stuart Shiffman thanked Dean Krent for hosting and then called the meeting to order.

Executive Director Norm Plate and Directors Beth Cohen, Dewey Cole, Darby Dickerson, Bryan Garner, Michael Hyman, Joe Kimble, Stuart Shiffman, Steve Smith, Otto Stockmeyer, John Wierzbicki, Chris Wren, and Richard Wydick were present. Rebecca McAlpine, administrative assistant for Scribes, and Jane Siegel, editor of *The Scrivener*, also attended the meeting.

The meeting began with the treasurer's report, and it was good news. Michael Hyman and Norm Plate reported that Scribes is in its best financial shape ever, largely because of the continued support of Thomas Cooley Law School. Other institutional members have generously provided Scribes with financial support, and the board continues to carefully control expenses. The board unanimously approved the new budget, which takes effect in January 2011.

The members next considered the advantages of publishing *The Scrivener* electronically and e-mailing the newsletter to Scribes members. In the past, many Scribes members have objected to receiving the newsletter only by e-mail. The board decided to continue publishing and mailing hard copies of the newsletter to

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University of Texas Law School students between classes outside Townes Hall.

the state capital of Texas, but it may be more famous as a music center. After all, *Austin City Limits* is one of public television's longest-running programs. Austin has also been lauded as one of the nation's most livable cities, especially for young professionals, in several surveys.

Given its geographical and geological location, it's no surprise that UT was one of the first law schools to offer courses on oil-and-gas law, with the first class held in 1924. The school was an early adopter of other trends in law and legal education; its first legal-aid clinic was established in 1941. The Capital Punishment Center followed in 1988; the Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution in 1993; and the centers for Global Energy, International Arbitration, and Environmental Law in 2009. The law school continues its tradition of being a leader in energy; UT is currently one of the only law schools in the world to offer a course on wind-energy law.

The law school boasts a large and prestigious group of alumni, too, with more Latino and African-American alumni than any other top-tier law school in the U.S. Graduates of UT's law school include former U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker III; former U.S. Ambassador Robert S. Strauss; former Secretary of the Treasury Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr.; Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Reynaldo Garza; Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Diane Wood; U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson; Secretary of Energy Federico Pena; litigator Joe Jamail; criminal-defense attorney Dick DeGuerin; and cartoonist Sam Hurt. About one-quarter of the UT law school's 19,000 living alumni practice law outside Texas.

In the fall of 1997, the law school instituted its "small-group program," a new approach to the first-year curriculum. One of the usual four-credit substantive courses (e.g., Torts or Contracts) is divided into small-group sections (25 to 30 students). A writing component adds a fifth credit hour. These small groups have proved successful, promoting more classroom discussion, interaction between students and faculty, and the use of innovative instructional techniques. The additional writing component gives students a legal-writing experience, with instructor feedback, early in the first year.

Besides this early writing experience, UT's legal-writing program consists of two one-credit writing courses required in the first year, along with a writing seminar in the third year. Wayne Schiess is the director of UT's legal-writing program. Schiess is well known in the legal-writing community (and to *Scribes*) and widely published on the subject. His blog, legalwriting.net, was named in 2007 by the ABA as one of the "best websites by lawyers for lawyers."

And the entire UT School of Law faculty is recognized for its scholarship and its teaching. More than one-third of the law faculty have been elected to the American Law Institute, a high percentage for one institution. A 1996 law-review study found that courts cited articles written by UT law faculty more often than those by any other law faculty in the U.S. And a national survey by *The Princeton Review* has named UT's law faculty one of the top ten in the U.S. for eight consecutive years.

In addition to *The Texas Law Review*, the law school publishes 11 law journals, covering criminal law; environmental law; Hispanics and the law; intellectual property law; international law; oil, gas, and energy law; women and the law; civil liberties; entertainment and sports law; politics; and litigation in Texas.



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The President's Column

by Stuart Shiffman

At our annual meeting in San Francisco, in 2007, I was honored to become president of Scribes. Later this year, when we return to San Francisco for our annual meeting, my term of office will end. So this is an appropriate moment to reflect on the past three years and what Scribes has accomplished. It is also my opportunity to thank those who have provided me with assistance and guidance throughout my term as president.

My term of office began with an organization functioning at peak efficiency. Professor Otto Stockmeyer preceded me in the office of president and had done an outstanding job. Scribes was financially and organizationally sound as a result of Otto's hard work. For the many years I have been involved in the organization, Otto Stockmeyer has been a Scribes supporter, recruiter of new members, and diligent worker. When I became president, Otto continued in his efforts and remained on the board of directors as past president. While he leaves the board after many years of service, I know that he will continue to support the organization even though he will no longer serve on the board of directors. All of us will miss Otto.

When I became president, Joe Kimble was our executive director. All of us who know Joe were amazed at the energy he brought to that position. His personal efforts brought us national attention and an expanding institutional membership. While he worked tirelessly on behalf of Scribes, he also found time to be nationally recognized in the field of legal writing. For the first half of my presidency, Joe was my right-hand man and chief advisor. When he called me to tell me he needed a break from his hectic work schedule, I was concerned that Scribes would



Joe Kimble at the Scribes Writing Seminar, ITT Chicago-Kent Law School.

suffer from his loss. Fortunately, Professor Norm Plate stepped into Joe's shoes and continued the tradition of hard work that Joe established. I am grateful to Joe and Norm for their assistance.

Scribes exists to promote high-quality legal writing. One of

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Scribes Law-Review Award— George Washington’s Law Review Is a Repeat Winner

Remarks by Norman Otto Stockmeyer
Emeritus Professor, Thomas M. Cooley Law School

Remarks by Scribes Past President Otto Stockmeyer at the Scribes Law-Review Dinner held March 18, 2010, in conjunction with the National Conference of Law Reviews. The conference was hosted by Texas Wesleyan School of Law and attended by 270 law-review editors.

Good evening, and welcome to the Scribes Law-Review Dinner. My name is Otto Stockmeyer. I am a past president of Scribes. I am here to present the 2010 Scribes Law-Review Award.

First, I want to thank tonight’s sponsor, Westlaw, the Thomson Reuters online legal-research service. They are represented here tonight by Mr. Foster Blair. Thank you for your generous support of this dinner for many years now.

Next, I want to tell you about Scribes—The American Society of Legal Writers. Our members include judges, lawyers, law professors and deans, and legal editors. Founded more than 50 years ago, Scribes is the oldest organization in America dedicated to improving legal writing and honoring legal writers. We do this by conducting legal-writing programs, by publishing the first law journal devoted exclusively to legal writing, and by sponsoring this and other legal-writing awards.

Membership in Scribes is open to members of the legal profession (including law students) who have written one book or two articles on legal topics, or who have edited a legal publication. So every law-review editor in this room is eligible for membership. We even have a special dues category for law students: just \$15 a year. Take advantage of this résumé-builder by completing the membership application at your table. Or visit www.scribes.org.

Oh, wait. You are law-review editors. Your résumés already are pretty darn impressive. Still . . . if you treasure good legal writing, as I know you do, one good way to demonstrate it is to join Scribes.

By the way, our host law school, Texas Wesleyan, is an institutional member of Scribes. We thank them for their support.

Now about this award. It goes to the best student-written law-review note or comment published in the preceding year. This year’s award is our 24th annual award. The three-step selection process went like this. In Step One, every law journal was invited to submit what they considered their best student note or comment. This year we received 79 submissions.

Step Two: These 79 entries were read by the legal-writing faculty at my home law school, Thomas Cooley Law School—10 professors with a total of 115 years of teaching experience—who selected the 11 best. The finalists represented a wide range of law reviews and a diverse array of topics.

Step Three: These “best of the best” entries were reviewed by the Scribes Law-Review Award Committee, which picks the winning article. The selection committee consists of law professors, lawyers, and a law librarian. The committee is chaired by University of California, Davis law professor Richard Wydick and includes Scribes members Professor Glen-Peter Ahlers



Alexandra Brazier, representing the winning law review, and Mike Wagner, the winning author. Both are third-year students at George Washington University Law School.

(Barry University), Professor Mary Bowman (Seattle University), Steven Feldman (legal advisor for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), Daniel Karon (Goldman, Scarlato & Karon, PC), and Professor Richard Leiter (University of Nebraska, Lincoln). Professor Wydick reports that this year's selection was a clear winner by a wide margin.

Tonight's recipient of the 2010 Scribes Law-Review Award is Mike Wagner, for his article "Warrantless Wiretapping, Retroactive Immunity, and the Fifth Amendment," published in the *George Washington Law Review*.

What did the award committee like about Mr. Wagner's piece? Here I quote Professor Wydick: "First, the choice of topic was perfect for a student-written piece. He wrote about a single, manageable legal issue. Wagner's constitutional analysis was first-rate. And the committee was also impressed by the clarity and directness of his writing style."

All of tonight's guests have received at your table an offprint of Mr. Wagner's note to take back home and use as a model for next year's crop of law-review writers. I wish to thank Joe Christensen, Inc. and West, a Thomson Reuters business, for providing these offprints.

Mike Wagner will graduate from George Washington University Law School in May. He is Articles Editor of the law review, a Presidential Merit Scholar, and a Dean's Fellow for first-year legal-writing classes there. He will clerk next year for U.S. District Judge J. Frederick Motz in Baltimore, and then join the Washington, D.C., office of Covington & Burling LLP.

Scribes takes pleasure in presenting a plaque both to the winning author and to the law review that published the winning article. And I would like to note that this is the second win for G.W.'s law review. Their first podium visit was back in 1988. Over the past 24 years, only two other law reviews have received this award more than once.

The editor responsible for selecting Mr. Wagner's note for publication is Senior Notes Editor Alexandra Brazier. She will accept the plaque on behalf of the *George Washington Law Review*. I am going to ask Mr. Wagner and Ms. Brazier to come forward now to receive their awards, after which I have asked Mike Wagner to say a few words.

Mike Wagner's Remarks

Law-Review Award Winner

First of all, thank you, Professor Stockmeyer, for your kind introduction, and thanks also to Scribes and to the judges committee for recognizing me with this tremendous award.

Let me start by saying that, in a way, it's perfect that this award is being presented at the National Conference of Law Reviews because, even though my name might be on the plaque, this award truly is a recognition of the entire *George Washington Law Review*, which does a tremendous job of guiding students through the note-writing process. Indeed, the fact that G.W. is one of only three law schools in the country to have produced more than one winner of the Scribes Award is, in itself, a testament to the strength of the G.W. *Law Review* and its scholarly-writing program. I also want to especially thank Megan Murphy-Wilcox, the director of the scholarly-writing program; Mark Taticchi, the Editor-in Chief of the G.W. *Law Review*; Alex Brazier, our Senior Notes Editor, who's here tonight; and Dean Monica Monroe, my legal-writing professor.

I've been asked to say a few words about the background of my note and how I came to choose my topic. I guess the idea for my note can be traced back to December 2005, when the story broke that the Bush Administration had authorized the NSA to conduct a domestic, warrantless wiretapping program. Although this was a big story for most people, I was studying abroad at the time—I use the term "studying" very loosely—so I remember being only dimly aware of the controversy in its early stages. But as the investigation deepened and I began to follow the developments more closely, a new angle on the story emerged: namely, the potential civil liability of the private telecommunications firms that had assisted the government in its warrantless wiretapping program. Although some telecoms, in compliance with FISA, had refused to participate in the NSA's surveillance activities without a warrant, others, like AT&T, helped facilitate the warrantless surveillance of millions of customers. And, this being America, these companies were slapped with lawsuits as soon as telecom customers realized what had happened.

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In the largest and most publicized of these suits, *Hepting v. AT&T*, the outlook for the plaintiffs looked very promising after several favorable pretrial decisions. But then in July 2008, after intense lobbying by the telecom industry, Congress passed the FISA Amendments Act, which provided *retroactive* immunity from civil suit for private companies like AT&T that had assisted in the NSA's warrantless surveillance. The law got a lot of news coverage at the time, but mainly because of all the political posturing and bickering surrounding its passage. I found these partisan politics to be neither interesting nor surprising, but more interesting to me was how an injured party's claim had been so easily eliminated by a retroactive law that excused otherwise illegal conduct. Simply put, this seemed unfair. Of course, as parents everywhere constantly remind their children, "Life's not fair," so I began thinking about potential legal challenges to the law.

That's where my Fifth Amendment analysis comes in. In short, I argue that the causes of action brought against telecom firms like AT&T are property interests protected by the Due Process and Takings Clauses of the Fifth Amendment. So Congress may not adopt legislation that retroactively abrogates these suits and deprives plaintiffs of their vested causes of action. Now, I have no doubt that the conversation at your dinner table is more interesting than anything I might say about the Fifth Amendment, so I won't bore you with a detailed discussion of the Court's jurisprudence on this subject. But needless to say, the Supreme Court has previously

recognized that causes of action can constitute property protected by the Fifth Amendment's Due Process Clause in certain circumstances—particularly where the cause of action was founded upon well-defined rights and had accrued before being abrogated retroactively, as was the case here. Additionally, recent trends in the Court's jurisprudence show a willingness to extend Takings Clause protections to new types of property, and before FISAA, no statute had ever retroactively taken away a cause of action involving such weighty interests without also providing some compensation to the plaintiffs. In light of these facts, I concluded that granting retroactive immunity to telecom firms ran afoul of both the Due Process and the Takings Clauses of the Fifth Amendment.

But I didn't want my note to be merely a criticism; I wanted it to also be prescriptive. After all, I think the value of any legal scholarship lies in its ability to offer concrete and workable solutions to troubling legal issues. With that in mind, I proposed an alternative solution to simply granting blanket retroactive immunity to telecom firms. Modeled after the Victims' Compensation Fund established in the wake of the September 11 attacks, my proposal calls for Congress to establish a two-track method of recovery for plaintiffs: they can choose either to litigate their claims (subject to a cap on damages) or to waive their rights to a suit and seek compensation through an administrative fund set up by Congress. Ideally, this proposal not only would strike an appropriate balance between preserving national security and protecting citizens from warrantless searches, but would also put FISAA back on solid constitutional ground.

Again, thanks very much.

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members but agreed to also send electronic copies to those members with known e-mail addresses.

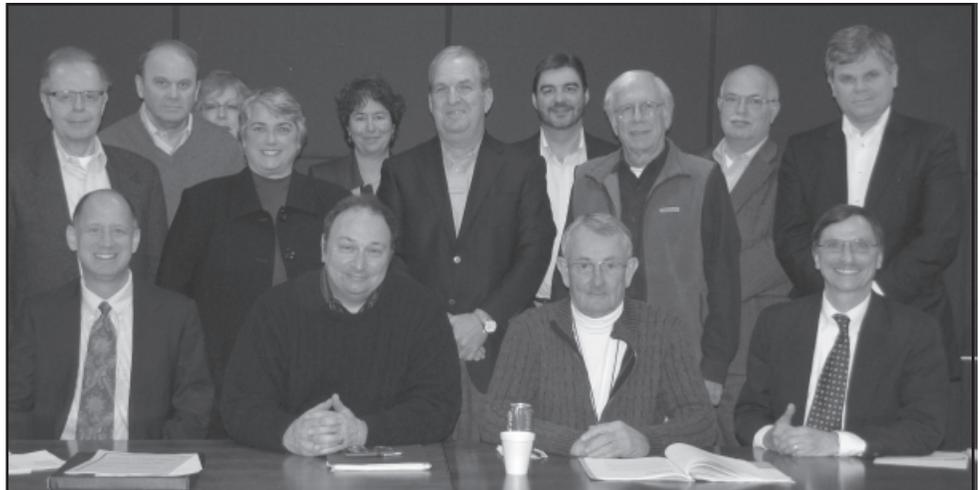
Stuart Shiffman, chair of the annual-meeting committee, reported that the 2010 annual meeting will be held on Saturday, August 7, at Hotel Nikko in San Francisco. The committee is reviewing potential keynote speakers for the luncheon.

Book-Award committee chair Michael Hyman reported that, to date, *Scribes* had received about 20 books from publishers as entries (the total is now about 50); the winner will be announced at the annual meeting in San Francisco.

Dewey Cole reported on the brief-writing committee (chair Ken Gartner could not attend). The committee receives 40 to 50 briefs every year; *Scribes* names a winner and runner-up. Briefs are first screened by legal-writing professors at *Scribes*' institutional members, and this process continues to work well. The committee is also drafting national guidelines for briefs submitted to moot-court competitions.



Dean Darby Dickerson presenting at the Scribes Writing Seminar.



Back row, Joe Kimble, Dewey Cole, Rebecca McAlpine, Dean Darby Dickerson, Beth Cohen, President Stuart Shiffman, John Wierzbicki, Otto Stockmeyer, Chris Wren, and Bryan Garner. Front row, left to right, Norm Plate, Michael Hyman, Richard Wydick, and Dean Steve Smith.

The law-review committee's chair, Richard Wydick, reported that this year's winner is from The George Washington University National Law Center. *Scribes* presented the award on March 18, 2010, at the National Conference of Law Reviews annual meeting in Fort Worth, Texas. (See story on pp. 4-6.) The committee thanked the legal-writing professors at Thomas Cooley for their initial review of all the submissions. The committee is in the final drafting stages of the *Scribes* national guidelines for law reviews; this will be distributed to all student-edited law journals in the United States.

Dean Darby Dickerson reported on the membership and outreach committee. In 2010, membership in *Scribes* increased. The committee is working to increase law-school participation in the National Order of *Scribes*, which recognizes and awards free membership to student scholars; to establish a Facebook page for *Scribes*; and to reach out to members for their feedback.

The nominating committee's chair, Otto Stockmeyer, reminded the board that three of its directors are ending their current terms (Beverly Ray Burlingame, Bryan Garner, and Richard Wydick), and *Scribes* needs several new officers. So *Scribes* must elect three new board members, for three-year terms, along with new officers. *The Scrivener* will publish the nominations this summer, and the election for both directors and officers will be held at the annual meeting in San Francisco.

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The board then heard committee chair Joe Kimble’s report on *The Scribes Journal*. Volume 12, a two-year issue, was mailed in January. We mailed 10,000 copies, to our members and to each U.S. Supreme Court Justice, each federal court of appeals judge, the chief judge of each federal district, and all state supreme court justices. Thomas Cooley Law School contributed \$35,000 to print and distribute the issue. The issue features an updated history of Scribes by Otto Stockmeyer and the late Tom Steele. Volume 13 of the *Journal* will include transcripts of Bryan Garner’s interviews with U.S. Supreme Court Justices and a bibliography of books written by the Justices. Joe Kimble also reported that the committee will compile “The Best of *The Scribes Journal*,” a special publication.

Finally, the best was saved for last. Chris Wren introduced the preliminary design for the new Scribes website. Andy Kucharski of Promet, a website-design company, joined the meeting and presented features of the new website. Scribes board members were pleased with the overall design and excited by the potential for customization and added content, all for better communication with our members. The new website will be launched later this year. The board presented a special award to Chris Wren in appreciation for his work on the new website.

Finally, the board accepted Steve Smith’s gracious offer to host the 2011 board meeting at Cal-Western School of Law in San Diego.



Bryan Garner.



Rebecca McAlpine and Beth Cohen.



Richard Wydick and Steve Smith.

The Spring 2010 Board Meeting and Scribes Writing Seminar



Director Dewey Cole.



Bryan Garner and a participant at the seminar.



President Stuart Shiffman.



Bryan Garner presenting during the seminar.

Many Chicago-area practitioners and legal-writing teachers attended the Scribes Legal-Writing Seminar at IIT Chicago-Kent Law School.



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the ways this is accomplished is through the national writing awards for books, student briefs, and law-review articles. Each year, our committees read countless entries in an effort to recognize high-quality written scholarship. The book committee headed by Judge Michael Hyman, the law-review committee headed by Professor Richard Wydick, and the brief-writing committee headed by Ken Gartner help publicize our organization and bring us many new members. I am grateful for the hard work of these chairs and the members of their respective committees.

In addition to Michael Hyman, who serves Scribes as treasurer, Dean Steve Smith of California Western School of Law and Dean Darby Dickerson of Stetson Law School were strong advocates for our organization with their law-school brethren. They solicited and cajoled institutions to join Scribes. They encouraged law schools to host Scribes meetings and programs. Steve Smith will succeed me as president, and I know that both he and Darby will continue in their support of the organization.

I am grateful for a hardworking and active board of directors. In the past year, Scribes has revamped and redesigned our webpage. It was a difficult and time-consuming task. Chris Wren supervised the effort; our

new page will be up and running later this year. We truly appreciate Chris's outstanding efforts.

Finally, there are two individuals whom I must mention because a great deal of their work has been done "under the radar." Professor Jane Siegel serves as editor of *The Scrivener*. Each quarter she gently reminds me that a message is due and finds contributors for the newsletter, which provides members with important information. Jane is patient and understanding when an occasional deadline is either forgotten or missed. The outstanding quality of *The Scrivener* speaks to her skill and ability.

Last, but certainly not least, is our executive secretary, Rebecca McAlpine. Becky (as I have always called her) has been the person I most regularly contacted for help on just about every task I needed to perform. From the first day of my term, she was always helpful, optimistic, encouraging, and a joy to work with. I will miss her frequent e-mails and her wonderful sense of humor.

These past three years as president have been great fun. I will continue to serve on the board of directors and to work for this wonderful organization. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Scribes and the legal community.



Norm Plate and Stuart Shiffman.

New Members

Christopher M. Barrett (Lindenhurst, New York)
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* Student Membership

News from Members

The Scrivener has received no news from Scribes members. We know our members are all overachievers, so tell us about it. Send your news by e-mail to Jane Siegel, siegelj@cooley.edu. Or use the U.S. Postal Service and mail your news to Jane Siegel, *The Scrivener*, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 111 Commerce Avenue, S.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503.

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The Newest Scribes Student Members

On April 16, the Student Legal Writers' Association (SLWA) at St. Louis University School of Law held its 2010 Law Student Symposium, a writing competition for second- and third-year law students in Missouri and neighboring states. Six finalists, student authors of law-review and seminar papers, were chosen to visit SLU Law and present their papers.

This year, Scribes participated by awarding one-year complimentary memberships to the six finalists. The first-prize winner was SLU's Bill Holthaus, who wrote about the NCAA's use of athletes' likenesses.

The SLWA promotes excellence in student legal scholarship, research, and writing, a goal that Scribes, of course, wholeheartedly supports. Scribes congratulates all the winners, the SLWA, Professor Kim Novak Morse, and St. Louis University School of Law, a Scribes institutional member.



Left to right: Professor Kim Novak Morse, Steve Dellinger, Nicholas Loyal, Valerie Andersen, Bill Holthaus, Karla Baumier, and Vanessa T. Lu.

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