

From the Editor

Ten volumes and counting for *The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing*.

If you look over the cumulative index at the back of this volume, I think you'll be impressed by the range of subjects we have covered and the credentials of the writers. And I hope you will continue to find that the *Journal* is informative, useful, lively, and (of course) well written. Speaking of useful, we're pleased that the National Center for State Courts will be reprinting and distributing more than 1,000 copies of this volume's lead article, on writing jury instructions, to state jury-instructions committees, state trial judges, and others.

Readers who notice the details will see that the *Journal* no longer follows *The Bluebook* for citation form. No more large and small caps. Instead, we are generally following the *ALWD Citation Manual*, conceived by the Association of Legal Writing Directors and written by Darby Dickerson (a Scribes board member). It is now used in more than 90 law schools, and we expect it to become ever more popular. I said we are generally following the *ALWD Manual* because we have allowed ourselves some small deviations, as we did with *The Bluebook*.

Producing the *Journal* is a labor of love, but a labor it is — and painfully slow. Still, the small band of veteran editors is committed to it, Scribes is committed to it, and Thomas Cooley Law School is committed to sponsoring at least the next few volumes.

So, as always, we invite you to send us your engaging, well-written articles on legal writing and legal language. Your work will be in good hands.

— Joseph Kimble

