

From the Editor

Calling all writers. Calling all writers.

Everyone who reads the *Scribes Journal* presumably has an interest in legal writing. Most of you know what's wrong with the papers that cross your desk, and many of you must have some good ideas for what to do about it. Why not try your hand at an article for the *Journal* — even if it's short, or even if it puts a fresh twist on an old idea? Browse through this issue and a few back issues to see the kind of material we publish. Make the article practical, informative, and lively. And remember to use footnotes only for citations (and parentheticals), while keeping them to the minimum needed. If we accept the article, we'll give it the careful attention that's reflected in the piece *A Study in Editing* in this issue.

This issue also includes the first published history of Scribes. At 56 years and counting, Scribes is by far the oldest organization devoted to honoring legal writers and improving legal writing. That's worth celebrating.

Finally, let me welcome a new associate editor, Mark Cooney; thank our other editors, Beverly Burlingame and David Schultz, for their long years of exceptional service; and again recognize Thomas Cooley Law School for its continuing generous sponsorship of the *Journal*.

— Joseph Kimble

