

From the Editor

The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing was the brainchild of Roger Billings, formerly president of Scribes. When he and Kenneth Zick asked me to work on the *Journal*, I recognized instantly just how badly it was needed. True, we have too many journals currently in print, but none of them until now has been devoted to what, after all, is a tool common to all lawyers: the written word.

Our touchstone has been to produce a journal that not only informs but also pleases, because writing that goes unread has no impact. With the *Scribes Journal* we hope to promote better writing in and about law.

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