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In the Limelight

Several Scribes members were recently honored with various awards and other recognition. Read on for details.

John G. Browning

John G. Browning, a law professor in Falkner University's Thomas Good Jones School of Law and a former Texas appellate judge, was recently honored by the Oklahoma Bar Association with the **Maurice Merrill Golden Quill Award**, which is given to "the author of the best-written article published this year in the *Oklahoma Bar Journal*." Browning's award-winning article, "Blazing the Trail: Oklahoma Pioneer African American Attorneys" was featured in the May 2021 issue of the *Oklahoma Bar Journal*.

Michele Jochner

Michele Jochner of Schiller DuCanto & Fleck was among the honorees in the **2020 Salute! Women in Law Awards**, sponsored by the *Chicago Lawyer* and *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*. The awards recognize the 50 most influential women in law, and Jochner was selected because of her leadership, success in the legal community, and efforts to mentor and promote other women in the legal field.

Kem Thompson Frost

Kem Thompson Frost, former chief justice of the 14th Court of Appeals of Texas, won the Texas Bar Foundation's **2021 Outstanding Law Review Article Award** for her article "Unclaimed Treasure: Greater Rule-of-Law Benefits for the Taking in Texas," 58 Hous. L. Rev. (2020). She also won the **2021 Innes Mackillop Outstanding Service Award** from the Garland R. Walker Inn of the American Inns of Court.

Joseph Kimble

Joseph Kimble, distinguished professor emeritus at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, was selected by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* for its Class of 2021 Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame honors lawyers who have practiced for at least 30 years and have contributed to the development of Michigan law, improved the quality of justice in the state, and have made other valuable contributions.

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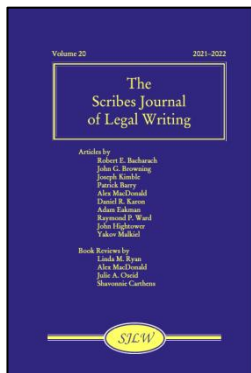
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Annual CLE Webinar

In June, Scribes sponsored the webinar “Should Legal Writing Be Woke?” In the webinar, Scribes vice president **John G. Browning** moderated a panel discussion featuring **James Milkey**, a judge in the Massachusetts Appeals Court; **Josh**

Blackman, a professor of law at the South Texas College of Law; **Lucy Jewel**, a professor of law at the University of Tennessee College of Law; and **Teri McMurtry-Chubb**, a professor of law at the University of Illinois Chicago School of Law.

Did You Know: *The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing*



[The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing](#) was first published in 1990, with the goal of promoting high-quality writing in the legal community. The journal covers a wide variety of topics and perspectives, and the editors are lawyers and academics who

are passionate about legal writing and style.

The Scribes Journal publishes articles by prominent practitioners and academics as well as judges and other notable public figures. Additionally, the journal has included interviews with eight U.S. Supreme Court justices and five U.S. Court of Appeals judges.

Over the years, the journal has become a leading voice regarding legal writing and style. The journal has been cited in dozens of court opinions and in more than 900 articles and commentaries. Articles in the journal have even been referred and linked to in [Forbes](#), [The New York Times](#), and [The Wall Street Journal](#).

Contents of the 2021–2022 Volume

To give you a taste of what the journal covers, here are the article titles in the 2021–2022 volume:

- “Emphasis”
- “Should Legal Writing Be Woke?”
- *Nielsen v. Preap*, the Futility of Strict Textualism, and the Case for Universalism in Judging”
- “Investigative Advocacy: The Mechanics of Muckraking”
- “Shall We Proceed? Ebbs, Flows, and Futility in the Debate over Words of Authority”
- “A Letter to New (and Old) Lawyers: Why You Need to Write Well and How to Do It”
- “Six Usage Mistakes Common in Legal Writing and Why They Matter”
- “Will I Ever See the Day When Lawyers Write Without Clichés?”
- “No More Gappy Typesetting, Please”
- “Efficient Advocacy in a Skeptical World”
- “Elephant in the Room”

The volume also contains four book reviews as well as short biographies of the contributors to the volume.

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I submit articles to be published in the journal?

To submit an article for consideration, please email editor in chief Megan E. Boyd at mboyd7@gsu.edu.

How can I sponsor the journal?

If you or your firm would like to sponsor the journal, please email senior editor Mark Cooney at cooneym@cooley.edu. Sponsors' names appear prominently on each volume's back cover, space permitting.

What are the submission guidelines?

Submission guidelines are available at <https://scribes.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Scribes-Journal-Submission-Guidelines.pdf>.

How can I get the journal?

Upon joining Scribes, individual members receive the most recent volume of the journal. PDFs of previous volumes are available at

<https://scribes.org/publications/the-scribes-journal-of-legal-writing/>.

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