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SCRIBES: News of Legal Writers and Writings

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EDITOR'S NOTE re this new SCRIBES feature:

The Editors of the *Cleveland State Law Review* are most gratified to have this periodical selected as the official organ for the dissemination of the SCRIBES Newsletter. SCRIBES, the honorary society of distinguished legal writers, is seeking, particularly this coming year, to direct its efforts towards the general improvement of the quality of writing in the legal profession. It is our hope that in reporting the activities of these, the most distinguished writers and scholars in the legal profession, the *Cleveland State Law Review* will be of service to this organization, its readers, and the Bar.

Outgoing (1968-9) President of SCRIBES, *Paul A. Wolkin* of the American Law Institute (of Philadelphia, Pa.), turned over the presidency, for 1969-70, to *Rufus King* (of Washington, D.C.). *Sidney Bernstein* (of Lawyers Coop., and Editor of *Case & Comment* magazine) continues as Secretary. Various other officers in the society also took office in 1969.

Paul A. Freund, of Harvard Law School, won the 1969 SCRIBES award for his book *On Law And Justice* (Harvard Univ. Press, 1969) as the best book for laymen as well as lawyers written in the preceding year. He was made an honorary member of the society at the "black-tie" dinner at which his award was presented to him. The Award Committee, chaired by *Howard L. Oleck*, of Cleveland State University College of Law, also included *Felix F. Stumpf*, of the University of California (Berkeley), and *Wilfred R. Lorry* of Temple University Law School.

Ray D. Henson of Chicago, Illinois, vice-chairman of the A.B.A. section of corporation, banking and business law, is busy editing the *Business Lawyer*. He is also working with *Bill Davenport* getting out a two volume *Commercial Code Form Book* for West Publishing Company.

Melvin Block of Brooklyn, New York, is editor-in-chief of *Trial Lawyers Quarterly*, the official publication of the New York State Association of Trial Lawyers. He also edited (with another) *Medical Malpractice—the ATLA Seminar*.

From Boston, Massachusetts, *Leonard M. Salter* advises us that he continues to write his monthly column, titled "Heard and Overheard,"

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in the *Commercial Law Journal*. An interesting article appeared in the March issue of the *American Bar Journal* entitled "The Well-Tempered Advocate."

Stanley Rothenberg of New York City was re-elected vice president of the Copyright Society of the United States of America. Also, he wrote the article on *Copyrights* for the 1968 edition of the *Encyclopedia Americana*.

Also from New York, *Harry H. Lipsig* has written for the *New York Law Journal* "Escott v. Bar Chris: Wall Street Bombshell." Previously he had written an article on "Fires."

From San Francisco, *Melvin M. Belli* completed a two volume work entitled *The Law Revolt*. It is published by Trial Lawyers Service Company. He is also doing a weekly panel discussion T.V. show every Sunday night, seen in several cities across the United States.

Harry Gershenson of St. Louis, Missouri, of the Board of Directors of SCRIBES, was re-elected a member of the Board of Regents of the American College of Probate Counsel where he had previously served as President.

J. Harry LaBrum, of Philadelphia, Pa., was awarded the George W. Yancey Memorial Award for the best article contributed to the *Insurance Counsel Journal* during the past year.

James D. Ghiardi, Professor of Law at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, wrote a number of articles and made several speeches during the past year. Among his major contributions were chapters of two books for the Practicing Law Institute—*Automobile Insurance Problems* and *Liability Insurance Disputes*.

Sidney Bernstein, of Rochester, N.Y., Secretary of SCRIBES, is the editor of the widely circulated *Case and Comment*. In addition to this he has written articles and serves on the New Publications Screening Committee for the Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Company. He is also editing their monthly newsletter on *Injuries* (P.I., that is).

Maurice H. Merrill, from the University of Oklahoma, wrote, among other things, "Thoughts on Escobedo-Miranda," published in the *Oklahoma Peace Officers' Journal*. In addition to this he was honored by receiving the yearly Distinguished Service Citation from the University of Oklahoma.

From Seattle, Washington comes a copy of the book that a new member, *Paul P. Ashley*, has written, entitled *Say It Safely*. It involves the legal limits in publishing, radio and television.

One of our few lady members, *Miriam Theresa Rooney*, of Millburn, New Jersey, is writer for an encyclopedia. She contributed articles on Jurisprudence and Philosophy of Law for one of the volumes for the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*. A very interesting facet of her life was

a tour of duty as Professor of Law and Government in the University of Saigon and Van Harh (Buddhist) University in Vietnam.

Robert Littler, of San Francisco, California, among other things, reviews books. He has recently reviewed the Warner and Hennessy book *Public Management at the Bargaining Table* in the *Journal of the State Bar of California*. He has been ill recently but is recovering.

A very interesting and necessary article is, *Will Bernard's ABA Journal* contribution "How To Get Through To Laymen." He is from Los Angeles, California.

Robert Coulson of New York, an executive with the American Arbitration Association, has recently published a book entitled *How To Stay Out of Court*. Numerous other articles and reviews on arbitration are attributed to this member of SCRIBES.

Henry C. Friend of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, wrote an *ABA Journal* contribution entitled "Abraham Lincoln and A Missing Promissory Note."

In Boston, Mass., *Bob Segal* was honored by being asked by Mayor White to serve on the Municipal Employment Commission, and was appointed to the Educational Compact Council of Massachusetts by the Governor. He also has been very active in publications this past year—mostly to do with labor and publicity.

Howard L. Oleck of Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law planned and conducted a two day seminar on *Non-Profit Organizations* at the University of Michigan, the papers of which will be published in 1970 in the *Cleveland State Law Review*; continues his regular Sunday *Law For Living* column in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*; and has been appointed Chairman of the Editorial Board of *Microform Publishing, Inc.*, to re-do in microfiche form the main law periodicals of the U. S. and other nations. His law novel "*A Singular Fury*," published in Nov. 1968 by World Publishing Co. (N.Y.C. & Cleveland), has sold out two printings, and a paperback edition will be published in January 1970 by Popular Library, Inc. (N.Y.C.)

From Washington and Lee University School of Law, member *Roy L. Steinheimer, Jr.* reports a very active year writing in Bar Journals and for Law Reviews. Most of his articles concern the Uniform Commercial Code and negotiable instruments. He has been Dean of the Washington and Lee University School of Law since 1968, and previously served there as a professor for the past eighteen years.

Our member who is with the Food and Drug Law Institute in New York, *Franklin M. DePew*, has written two most complicated-sounding articles for the *Food, Drug, Cosmetic Law Journal*—"The Salmonelleae—A Current Challenge," and "Report on the Joint FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission."

Another university member, *William F. Swindler* of William and Mary, is the author of the two volume study entitled *Court and Constitution in the Twentieth Century*. The final volume will be ready for publication this Fall. Also, he is serving as General Counsel to the Virginia Commission on Constitutional Revision.

John J. Creedon, with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York, has written "Some Uses of Life Insurance in Estate Planning" in volume four of *The Forum*. *The Forum* is the new publication for the American Bar Association's Insurance Section.

At the University of North Carolina School of Law, member *Frank R. Strong* is a professor. He has recently written an article entitled "Dilemmic Aspects of the Doctrine of 'Constitutional Fact'," published in the *North Carolina Law Review*.

George P. Smith, II, has written "Through A Test Tube Darkly: Artificial Insemination and the Law" in the *Michigan Law Review*. A "controversial" article he wrote was "When You Wish Upon A Star—The J. D. Fantasy" in the *Journal of Legal Education*. He is now associate professor at the University of Arkansas School of Law.

Linn K. Twinem continues to be Editor of the *Personal Finance Law Quarterly Report*. He has also been commissioned as an editor of the *Consumer Credit Book of the Year*. He lives in New York City.

Joseph T. Karcher of Sayreville, New Jersey has written a number of articles for various Bar Journals, including "Advice To Young Lawyers—Become A Trial Lawyer" in the *American Bar Association Journal*. An interesting suggestion that he made to our recent President, *Paul A. Wolkin*, was to compile a list of all books and articles written by each of the members in a separate index. This had been previously suggested as an excellent way for various editors to get to know what each member was capable of writing, with the idea in mind that the editors would utilize this to select authors for books to be published.

Alfred A. Porro, Jr. of Lyndhurst, New Jersey is presently completing a book on *Estuarine and Marshland Areas Throughout The United States*. Recent scientific investigation has taught us that the estuarine and marshland areas of our coast are the nurseries for shrimp and fish. It is most interesting to see a SCRIBES member writing on such a topic.

Theodore Sager Meth of Newark, New Jersey is completing his second year as faculty advisor to the *Seton Hall Law Journal*. He states that it is very difficult to give instruction in grammar, syntax and rhetoric at the law school level.

Max Schwartz of Brooklyn, New York has contributed articles concerning "Bankruptcy" to both the *Commercial Law League Journal* and *St. John's Law Review*. He is also a member of the National Bankruptcy Conference.

New York City member *Morton D. Goldberg* wrote "Fraud on the Copyright Office: Its Use and Misuse as a Defense in Copyright Infringement Actions" for the May 1969 issue of the *New York University Law Review*. He has served this past year on several Copyright organization boards and committees.

Stanley Rothenberg, also of New York, contributed the article entitled "Copyright" for the 1968 edition of the *Encyclopedia Americana*, and was also reelected as Vice President of *The Copyright Society of the U. S. A.*

We enjoyed the 75th Anniversary issue of "Case & Comment" edited by our own SCRIBES secretary, *Sidney Bernstein*. We are in good company in applauding him as Sidney received congratulations on the 75th Anniversary from *John N. Mitchell*, *Jacob Javits*, *Everett M. Dirksen*, *George McGovern*, *Edmund S. Muskie*, *Charles H. Percy* and others.

Gibson Witherspoon of Meridian, Mississippi, on our Board of Directors of SCRIBES was elected to the Board of Governors of ABA. He also sends a suggestion that at the 1971 meeting of the ABA in London the SCRIBES hold our meeting in Paris at the SCRIBES HOTEL.

Laurence Reich of Newark, New Jersey was a lecturer on the Federal Taxation panel at NYU, delivering a paper on "Techniques For Funding Qualified Plans: Permissible Business Activity by a Qualified Pension Trust."

Bernard Wolson continues to edit a column in the *Commercial Law Journal*, entitled "The Referee's Corner." It contains the opinions of referees that are printed, and not published through a service.

Edward M. Swartz of Boston, Massachusetts is working on a book to be distributed by the Houghton-Mifflin Company. The subject concerns consumer protection, as it is being written for the lay public. He has also written recently, for the *DePaul Law Review*, an article on "Products Liability" concerning negligently designed surgical instruments.

Philip Shuchman of the University of Connecticut School of Law has written, in the *George Washington Law Review*, concerning legal ethics, an article entitled "The Propriety of The Canons As A Group Moral Code."

Some recently-elected members of SCRIBES now include:

George E. Allen, Richmond, Virginia; *Richard B. Allen*, Chicago, Illinois; *Suel O. Arnold*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; *Charlotte P. Arutt*, New York, New York; *Stanley B. Balbach*, Urbana, Illinois; *Dean Edward L. Barrett, Jr.*, Davis, California; *Dean Robert F. Boden*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; *Alan R. Bromberg*, Dallas, Texas; *H. Alva Brumfield*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; *Chester J. Byrns*, St. Joseph, Michigan; *Philip H. Corboy*, Chicago, Illinois; *Francis J. Demet*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; *Margadette M. Demet*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; *Adrian G. Duplantier*, New

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