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Dear Associate Dean:

Scribes—The American Society of Legal Writers is pleased to announce its 2020 Brief-Writing-Award Competition. Scribes began its competition in 1996 to help identify and celebrate excellent student-written briefs. We believe that legal writing is of paramount importance to law students and their careers, and we hope to encourage good legal writing by recognizing its finest examples.

The Scribes Brief-Writing-Award Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs—the best of the best. Last year, the winners were two students from the Florida State University College of Law: Caitlin Messinger and Keriann Smith. The winners are posted on our website each year at [www.scribes.org](http://www.scribes.org).

This 2020 winning author or authors will be recognized at the 2020 Scribes Annual CLE. Plaques will be awarded to the authors and their school. Normally, the school pays the authors' expenses to attend the awards ceremony.

The competition covers the last school year—September 2018 to May 2019. If one of your moot-court teams wrote the best brief in a national moot-court competition, or wrote the best brief in any preliminary regional competition held before a national competition, please enter the brief into the Scribes 2020 competition.

**To submit an entry, please e-mail me an electronic copy of the winning brief no later than September 15, 2019, by following the instructions below.**

I look forward to receiving your national and regional-round winning briefs.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at [scribeslegalwriters@gmail.com](mailto:scribeslegalwriters@gmail.com). Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Philip Johnson  
Scribes Executive Director

**Instructions for submitting a brief for the Scribes competition:**

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2. The subject line of the e-mail should indicate that it's a Scribes brief nomination from "\_\_\_\_" Law School (the students' law school, not a sponsoring law school).
3. The **body of the e-mail** must include the following information:
  - Name of the competition
  - Place where the brief was named best brief (e.g., "finals," "SW regional")
  - Names of the students who wrote the brief
  - Students' school
  - Name of students' adviser, if any
4. **The brief itself cannot include any information that identifies the student authors or their school.** Please check the cover page, signature pages, and headers or footers.
5. Submit the brief as a PDF file if possible, although we will accept Word documents if necessary.
6. The brief must be submitted as a single file.