The President's Column

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From the Editors

The essays in this issue are timed for those programs that teach persuasive writing in the spring semester of the first year. If your program teaches persuasion in the fall, or if you teach an advanced advocacy course, we think you will still find inspiration here—but you may have more time to consider ways to incorporate these great ideas into your teaching.

We were overwhelmed with the number of items in the “News” section. Thank you for sharing your accomplishments with us. Special congratulations go to The Honorable Karon Bowdre, formerly Professor and Director of Legal Writing at Sanford, who has been confirmed as a federal district judge.

With this issue, we welcome Sandy Patrick as an editor of The Second Draft. She has recently moved from Wake Forest to Lewis & Clark. We are especially excited about Sandy’s background in journalism.

We also appreciate the continued assistance of Donna Williamson (Oregon) and the staff of Florida State University Printing and Mailing Services.

In the next issue, essays will explore the many possibilities of a third semester of required legal writing. We are particularly interested in the experiences of those of you teaching in programs that already have at least three semesters of legal writing. What is the content of each required course? What more have you been able to cover with the extra semester? What have been the benefits of a three-semester curriculum? What is the ideal way to use the third required semester? We look forward to hearing from you.

The next deadline for submissions will be March 15, 2002.

Finally, as the year draws to a close, we want to express our continued concern and support for all our colleagues and friends who have been directly affected by the attacks on New York and Washington.

Barbara J. Busharis (Florida State)
Suzanne Rowe (Oregon)
Sandy Patrick (Lewis & Clark)

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In this issue, I am going to take the opportunity to highlight important developments, activities, and resources of the Institute. LWI Website

Be sure that you check out the new LWI Website at www.lwionline.org. This site has many wonderful resources. These include information about LWI (officers, Board members, committee lists); information about the 2002 LWI conference at the University of Tennessee; information about our journal; information about The Second Draft as well as downloadable issues; bibliographies from the 2000 conference presentations; and many other interesting features!

The Second Draft: AALS Annual Meeting: Saturday, January 5, 2002, 7:00 a.m.
2002 LWI Conference: Wednesday, May 29, 2002

Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute

Status of Volume 8: Anticipated publication Spring 2002
Status of Volume 9: Currently soliciting articles

Board of Directors Elections

Call for Nominations: January 2002
Elections: March 2002
Deadline for submissions for Spring 2002 issue: March 15, 2002
Deadline for submissions for Fall 2002 issue (LWI committee reports): October 15, 2002

GUIDELINES FOR CONTRIBUTORS

We welcome unsolicited contributions to The Second Draft. Our goals include providing a forum for sharing ideas and providing information that will be helpful to both experienced and novice instructors. Each newsletter will have a “theme,” with the exception of newsletters that follow the LWI biennial conferences, but the content of the newsletter will not be limited to a particular theme.

Content of submissions. We encourage authors to review recent issues of The Second Draft to determine whether potential submissions are consistent with the type of contribution expected, and with the format and style used. Submissions should be written expressly for research and scholarship about legal writing and legal analysis. We welcome contributions that will be helpful to both experienced and novice instructors. Each newsletter will have a “theme,” with the exception of newsletters that follow the LWI biennial conferences, but the content of the newsletter will not be limited to a particular theme.

Reminder: Applications for ALWD research grants for the summer of 2002, in the amount of $5,000 per grant, are due by January 31, 2002. For an application form and guidelines contact ALWD President Nancy Schultz (Chapman) at nschultz@chapman.edu.
The conference will celebrate the successes our community has achieved within the law school and in the academy. For this next year, Joan and Rick have undertaken to be Co-Chairs of the Website Committee, so look for future improvements and innovations. If you have any ideas about the web site, don’t hesitate to contact them at blum@bc.edu or peltra@flash.net.

For additional information, please visit the LWI website at www.lwionline.org.