

Senior Lawyers

The newsletter of the Illinois State Bar Association's Senior Lawyers Section

Chair's column

BY HON. EDWARD J. SCHOENBAUM

This issue is out earlier than expected because we had twice as many articles submitted for the last issue.

We want input from all who receive this newsletter. If you have not yet filled out our survey, please click on this link (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2015isbaseniorlawyers>) and let us know what you think and how we can better meet your needs and wants.

We have been very busy this ISBA year. We conducted our first downstate "Computer Basics 2015: Is This Thing On?" for senior lawyers on Friday, October 9, 2015 at LincolnLand Community College. It was a wonderful program with evaluations showing very high scores for

our presenters and the materials.

After the education program the faculty went to the ISBA offices in Springfield, where we were joined by a few others physically present but mostly by telephone for our council meeting.

The council meeting went well in planning more member services.

Frank Ariano, chair of our Strategic Planning Committee, who becomes chair of our section council this coming year, and his committee prepared a survey that 98 of our members responded to since there was a link at the beginning of our email cover letter to people who receive our electronic newsletter.

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It isn't just about time anymore!

BY FRANK V. ARIANO

After a long two-month wait, I finally got my Apple Watch. That's a long wait when you are spending \$1,100! Yes, I got the 42mm Space Black Apple Watch (the most expensive of the 20 different models in the Apple Watch collection). At least I did not get the \$17,000 Rose Gold model in the Apple Watch Edition! The least expensive is the 38mm Silver Aluminum Case with Sport Band at \$349. I strongly suggest the 42mm over the 38mm size for

"mature" eyes. So, was it worth the wait—or, more importantly, should you consider adding this new technology to your busy lives? Let's look at some of the many features of this device before deciding.

If you care about the technical specifications of the Apple Watch, I suggest that you go to the Apple Web site and read all about the processor speed, the Digital Crown, the Retina display, the

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The committee reviewed the survey results and determined the following:

1. 1% of the Section members who are supposed to get the Newsletter responded to the survey (98).
2. Most are still practicing law or are semi-retired (80 & 9).
3. Most are in Illinois full time or part time (83 & 9).
4. Most have practiced 30-39 years or more (39 & 37).
5. Most concentrate their practice in Real Estate, Estate Planning and Litigation/Civil Practice (42, 38 & 30).
6. Most office in the Chicago area, Northern IL and Central IL (58, 11 & 17).
7. Most are Solo practitioners or firms of 2-5 or 6-10 attorneys (35, 29 & 11).
8. Most use the Newsletter, CLE & Listserv services offered by the SLSC (58, 25 & 13).
9. Most are ISBA, County or Local Bar and Chicago Bar Assoc. members (98, 40 & 30).

The most common "theme" in response to the write-in questions that they were not aware of what the Section and Council offer. We need to do better publicity/and outreach

The most common suggestions of the respondents were to continue expanding the Newsletter and CLE offerings, and to give more information regarding mentoring, socializing, discount programs, and more technology information and training.

Our Council will look into co-sponsoring CLE programs with other substantive Section Councils to provide information requested by some survey respondents.

The committee will continue to explore and recommend ways to better communicate with Senior Lawyers.

Our Newsletter is so important to our readers so here is a little teaser for you to read the articles in this issue.

We are very fortunate to have seven authors prepare short articles for this issue of our newsletter:

Frank V. Ariano shares his experience with the Apple Watch "It Isn't Just About

Time Anymore." He had a long two-month wait.

Don Mateer shares information regarding. WHAT IN THE WORLD IS ECHO? Echo is a nine-inch black tube of sheer fun. If you are an Amazon Prime member, then this is for you.

William A. Austin writes of his FAVORITE APPS. Most, if not all of you, have used PDF files at one time or another. Your use, however, is likely to have been limited to opening and reading a PDF file that someone sent to you. Some of you may ask what a PDF file is. Portable Document Format (PDF) is a file format developed by the computer software giant, Adobe Systems, "...to present and share important information.

Loren Golden discusses plastic surgery for Senior Lawyers who want to look younger.

OUR SURVIVAL AS TINKERERS AND CREATORS, By Angela Peters and Sabrina Shafer. Angela Peters shares her experience as a mentor in her portion MENTOR'S 2 CENTS and Sabrina Shafer shares her experience being a MENTEE in her portion LESSONS LEARNED AS A MENTEE.

We know well that one does not learn everything essential to practicing law in law school. The knowledge gap between newly admitted attorneys and seasoned practitioners is the key to a mentor-mentee relationship. Gary Rafool has another one of his interesting book reviews. It is about a new book from someone that we recall from a long time ago. "To Kill A Mockingbird" by Harper Lee was published in 1960. It was an immediate success, and considered an American literature classic. She never published another book until "Go Set A Watchman" in 2015, which he reviews here. It is available in hard cover (278 pages) and electronically. She is now in her late 80s, and it has even been suggested that she never agreed to its publication. The biggest controversy about this book is its perceived portrayal of Atticus as a possible racist.

Please submit any articles that you would like to write by sending to me at JudgeEdS@gmail.com and to jhmavillelaw@aol.com, jphippis@jphippislaw.com and g.rafool@comcast.net. ■

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Force Touch, the Taptic engine and how the beautiful bands are made, etc. If you haven't stopped reading already, don't worry, it is not my purpose, nor am I able, to be technical. It is my intention to show you how this device (whichever of the three different model lines you choose from, the Apple Watch Sport, Apple Watch or Apple Watch Edition) is so much more useful than you likely imagine when first seeing it.

The "watch" element of the device is, in my opinion, the least of the functions it offers. That said however, you can choose from 11 basic watch faces, each customizable in numerous ways. You can change the faces and customizable details at any time—from Utility to Mickey Mouse, with different colors and with detail you want to see at a glance. I have chosen to use the Modular face (most of the time) with the time, day/date, next upcoming calendar entry, temperature, the current S&P 500 index and battery level elements/applications on the display. Touching any of these screen elements takes you directly to that application so that you can get detail on say the weather, stock market or your calendar entries. You can also set the watch to alert you (by sound and/or wrist tap) to upcoming calendar events such as an appointment in 10 minutes, etc. To turn the watch on, you merely turn your wrist toward your face. The opposite motion turns it off so that the battery life is preserved. Speaking of the battery, the watch is charged with a magnetic charger cable (usually each night) and functions on a charge for 48 hrs. as a watch only, over 6 hours for audio playback, over 6 hours for workout time, 3 hours for talk time, with a 72 hour power reserve. I have yet to have the battery go below 20% with everyday use, so nightly charging is all that is needed.

Rather than try to tell you all of the features that are available with this device (many of which I do not yet know), I think a list of the basic functions will help you decide if this is something you would use. The watch comes with over 15 basic

applications built in, accessible by pushing the digital crown on the side. Thousands of additional applications are being developed to add to the functions of the watch. Many of the applications you have on your iPhone can be added or already exist on the Apple Watch. The watch functions in conjunction with your iPhone by blue tooth connection, so your phone must be nearby. The beauty of the watch is that you do not have to access your phone to use/see many of the functions, which would require you to get your phone out of your pocket, holder or briefcase.

The phone can be set to give you notifications for the applications you choose by a light tap on your wrist, with or without an accompanying "ping" sound. These "glances" can be activated for each application you choose in settings on the phone and/or on the watch. By swiping up on the screen, you can review the glances you have received and by swiping down on the screen, you can act on those glances—e.g. reply to a message or a missed phone call (or go to your phone to make your move on Words with Friends in response to the move just made by your friend, of which you are notified). The following are some brief examples of notifications which will "pop up" on your screen to alert you of activity that would otherwise require you to access your phone:

- New emails in your inbox
- New phone calls
- New messages
- News alerts (using USA Today, CNN or other news applications on your iPhone)
- Weather alerts

Once you get an alert, you can respond with brief replies on the watch if you choose—e.g. answer mail or messages with brief pre-set "smart" replies by text or by audio which you can record and send from the watch. You can also send a brief message or an email directly from the watch. You can dismiss/ignore the alert by simply lowering your wrist. Personally,

I use the the mail and the message alerts mainly to see what is coming in to determine if a reply is needed, and then go to the phone to "type" or "dictate" the response (but it can also be done from the watch).

Using the watch for incoming or outgoing phone calls is more useful than you might think. Aside from the "Dick Tracy" appeal, you can actually use the watch instead of your phone for calls, if you are inside and in a relatively quiet place. The speaker is, of course, small so outside noise will make it difficult to hear. Inside calls, especially when alone (it is a speaker phone so anyone nearby can hear as well) work fine. You can ignore/mute a call by covering the watch with your hand or choose an option like transferring to your iPhone or sending a message in response. You can easily make a call from the watch by going to the side button which brings up your favorites (people you regularly call) and pressing the digital crown to dial the number. If you prefer, you can also have Siri make the call for you.

Yes, Siri is available on your watch as well as on your iPhone. All you have to do is either press the digital crown or just raise your wrist and say "Hey Siri" and then give "her" your instruction—e.g. "call the office," "how do I get to the ISBA office" (the map will pop up), "set an alarm for 6:00am" or "open the weather application".

The Maps application can be used on the watch with turn by turn instructions. You can tap on an address in say an email or in a contact. The map screen will appear and will show the address and your location, with instructions on how to get from one to the other. This feature is useful in the car—it is much easier to glance at your wrist than your phone while driving. The same is true of the phone if your "ride" does not have a blue tooth speaker system.

Another useful function of the Apple Watch is the Activity application. We can all use more exercise for better health, especially those of us who have attained

“senior lawyer” status with the ISBA. The watch keeps track of your daily activity and can be set up to remind you to achieve your set goals by tapping your wrist—for example to “stand up” at least once an hour. You can also use the Workout application to record your walks, bike rides (inside and outside), elliptical, runs, rower, stair stepper and other activities. You will be surprised to see how far you walk with your dog or while cutting your lawn or walking around the Courthouse. The watch also measures your heart rate which gives you an idea of how much “benefit” you are getting from your activities.

Believe it or not, you can also control your iPhone music from your Apple watch, to be played on your iPhone, the watch or your blue tooth headsets or speakers. The watch can also be used as a remote control for other devices such as

your TV. Using the Passbook application, you can pay at stores with Apple Pay or scanner capability—e.g I use my watch to pay at Starbucks each morning. While handing my cup to the barista, he/she uses the scanner for the stored bar code on my watch for payment. You can also use the watch as an iPhone camera remote (the watch does not yet have its own camera)—i.e. the watch face is used as the view finder for the camera on the phone. The watch also functions as a timer which could be used to record the time for client phone calls, etc. The World Clock and Alarm functions are useful, especially when traveling.

I hope you are getting the idea that, depending on the applications on your iPhone and those being developed literally daily for the Apple Watch, the “time of day” feature of the Apple Watch may well be the

least used function of this new technology. This device is, in many respects, a computer, disguised as a beautiful piece of jewelry. At the very least, it is certainly more than a timepiece!

So, now that you know a little about the Apple Watch from my experience with mine, you decide if you think it would be useful to you. While to some it may seem redundant to the iPhone, you will be surprised how quickly you get used to not having to get your phone out for many of the times you look at it during a typical day. For me the answer to the question “Is it worth it?” is a clear YES. Check it out on the Apple Website or go to an Apple Store for a demonstration and to see the numerous styles. One thing I know for for sure, your grandkids will love it! ■

The new you! Or getting some ‘work’ done

BY LOREN GOLDEN

If you’ll remember, in the February 2012 Senior Lawyers newsletter, I discussed your appearance. Actually, I focused on your appearance, i.e., your grey or white hair. I said if you are going to color it, get a professional to do it. Avoid the monochromatic look. It looks like you used black shoe polish on your eyebrows and hair. Oy Vey!! Don’t do it!!

Now I’m going to discuss what other work you might have done to yourself to look acceptably younger. When I discuss plastic surgery, I’m reminded of the story of a guy who lent a friend \$10,000 for plastic surgery and now he doesn’t know what the friend looks like.

I took the liberty of discussing this matter with one of the partners of Valley Plastic Surgery in West Dundee, IL. His name is Dr. Philip Lambruschi. I was seeing him for a bad paper cut on my finger

(don’t ask). Some of the older members of the ISBA might remember his father, noted Chicago personal injury attorney Fred Lambruschi. We discussed what “work” an older member of our bar might have done.

Dr. Phil said that whatever you have done, it should be conservative in its application. If you are going for a full face lift, then Dr. Lambruschi said that you should contact a doctor who does guys (if you are a guy) or women (if you are a woman). The next thing he told me is that work done on one’s eyelids, either upper or lower or both, is a good way to develop a fresher “you.” The next surgical treatments one might wish to pursue are the “lifts”. There is the “neck lift”, but the doctor cautioned not to attempt to go for the “Hollywood Look!” I won’t elaborate on what the “Hollywood Look!” is. Needless to say, in all things involving cosmetic

plastic surgery, one must always follow the conservative approach. According to Dr. Lambruschi, you are striving to look natural, a little younger at best. What is most important is that you go over your options with a board-certified plastic surgeon who will discuss with you the benefits and risks involved in having surgery. If, after having the surgical “work” done, you run into a colleague or friend and they don’t recognize you, you’ve gone too far, or, if you are avoiding a process server, not far enough (see the opening joke above). If, on the other hand, those same colleagues and friends tell you that you look terrific, that’s a good thing.

And not to put too fine a point on it, there’s the old “Borsht Belt” joke about a guy who had his face lifted so many times, his socks were empty. You get the idea. I look forward to seeing the new you. ■

Our survival as tinkerers and creators

BY ANGELA PETERS AND SABRINA SHAFER

MENTOR'S 2 CENTS, by Angela Peters

I hear that there are many more young and new attorneys who are putting up their law office shingles right out of law school, and they are all looking for mentors. Ah, do I remember that day.

Unfortunately, there are too few mentors to go around it seems. Don't know why, and I wanted to reach out to you to get involved.

Who do you most admire? What is it about that person that most appeals to you? If that person is someone altruistic, perhaps you are looking for the rewards of greater community or social involvement. If that person is an artist, perhaps you might be looking for that next step to express yourself creatively.

Perhaps we are, or would like to be, moving in the direction of becoming more like that person or persons that we so admire. We should remember that we, too, can simply be a 'hero' or role model just by being ourselves. Being an attorney gives us the ability and the access to knowledge to control our course of action, the action of our clients, and the action of other attorneys we can mentor. And the journey can be fun. Just about any learning relationship fits this experience: parent-child, artist-protogee, prisoner-volunteer, etc..

The basic idea of evolution is simply that you fiddle around and you change something and then you ask, "Does it improve my survival or not?" If it does not, then those individuals die and that idea goes away. And if it does improve your survival, then those individuals succeed, and you keep fiddling around, improving.¹ The ISBA, the legal community, and our survival as tinkerers and creators, needs all of us evolving types to get together, fiddle around, improve, and figure out how to make it work. The mentor-mentee program fits right in.

When I was in law school, I was always looking for ways to be more than just a

student. So, I worked part time in the library and every person in the school had to walk past my desk at some time of their day. I got to know just about everyone in the school. I became the school tailor for the students and faculty (from my prior life before law school as a tailor). When I was still in law school, I was designing my business card. It would be either "Sew or Sue", or "We do both kinds of suits-alterations or litigation." I haven't printed that card yet, although it is always in the back of my mind. Comedy is a really good way to be funny about serious things, and to make points that could otherwise go unnoticed.

Mentoring a new attorney on the fine art of fixing things can be funny, serious, and definitely rewarding. The mentor may have his or her methods from years of practice, while the mentee may have his or her thoughts from his or her own background. You will both definitely be 'out of the box' at the start of your relationship as mentor-mentee. Make a plan with your partner and identify both of your personality interests. Identify how you fit in, your strengths, and places for growth. The mentor can make the practice of law easier and even more rewarding than it may seem to the mentee at first. One of the best ways to do that is to network with your mentee and introduce the mentee to people who the mentee will run into later or who they will recognize as the movers and shakers. These are additional people who can make their life easier and keep you on the tip of their tongue. Be a new mom or dad, big brother or sister, to someone you can mentor. You may be surprised what you learn along the way.

And, we have the perspective of a mentee after being one of the lucky ones who was paired up with one. Needless to say, the mentor is at least as lucky to have been paired with someone who is looking for a role model and experienced legal skills.

LESSONS LEARNED AS A MENTEE, By Sabrina Shafer

Contrary to the belief of many newly admitted attorneys, seasoned practitioners know well that one does not learn everything essential to practicing law in law school. Fortunately, this knowledge gap is at the center of the mentor-mentee relationship.

With a license to practice but little practical experience, new attorneys absolutely must sign up for a mentor for the sake of their professional growth plan. As a mentee, I can speak to the value of having someone I can ask those seemingly dumb questions. At the same time, experienced attorneys benefit from the decision of various legal topics and in sharing their knowledge with the mentee (yes, the title really is *mentee*).

While some lessons may have escaped me entirely or, perhaps, are still waiting to be understood at a later time in my career, there are several lessons that *have* been learned. The top lessons include:

1. Do not let a case get personal.

An important lesson learned is to avoid making a case personal and to gently remind opposing counsel of the same if necessary. Like Angela, I too tend to use humor, at least at first, as a tool to ease tension and redirect a conversation heading in the wrong direction. By being resolute but judicious, one is better prepared to represent the client's interest all while maintaining a more positive working relationship with opposing counsel (hopefully, at least).

2. Talk with professionals and network, network, network!

Building a strong network of professionals is essential. Fortunately, mentors and mentees alike benefit from attending events like those sponsored by ISBA together. I also find that having a broad network of skilled professionals can be a game-changer when I need to talk

through a legal theory or strategy.

Dot your i's and cross your t's. This cannot be emphasized enough. The axiom, "of who has been given much, much will be demanded"² stands true in the legal profession. Indeed, there is a heightened expectation of diligence and rectitude created by carrying the license to practice law. As a result, the lesson of being organized, thorough, and just rests amongst the top essentials.

3. Invest in your success

Skills, knowledge, and reputation are vital factors to success. Investing in these core areas means developing your practice and legal knowledge. Take classes and seminars to stay current on new laws and changes, for instance. Read up on the latest legal news. Engage in webinars and conversation with colleagues about current cases or changes in the law. Stay current and stay involved!

Ultimately, as tinkerers and creators, we

are constantly evolving our craft. We fiddle, learn, and hone skills throughout our careers. Our survival, individually and the profession as a whole, depends on this cycle of growth. Fortunately, through the ISBA Mentoring program, those hard-earned lessons can be passed on. Indeed, our survival depends on it. Improve your odds and become a mentor. ■

1. A Fin is a Limb is a Wing, How Evolution Fashioned its Masterworks, by Carl Zimmer, National Geographic Magazine, 11/06, p. 114.
2. New International Version, Luke 12:48.

Favorite apps

BY WILLIAM A. AUSTIN

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The app that I prefer for this purpose is PDF Expert 5 by Readdle, which is reportedly the most downloaded PDF management app for the iPhone or iPad. At

\$9.99, it is somewhat more expensive than many apps, but remains a bargain when you consider that PDF Expert lets you view, annotate and edit PDF documents, as well as highlight text, make notes, draw with your finger and save these changes. This app is also the only iPad application that can fill in PDF forms.

To whet your appetite, the following is a list of some of the app's features:

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GoodReader by Good.iWare (\$4.99) is another very similar app that deserves your attention if you're shopping. A comparison of the features between these two programs is beyond the scope of this article, but suffice it to say that they are both excellent apps. Most of us barely take advantage of the power that our computer software has to offer, and that is no less true when it comes to utilizing the many features that PDF Expert has to offer.

Finally, we don't all use IOS devices, so you need to know that two of the top PDF management apps for android devices are PDF Max and Foxit MobilePDF. Also, PocketBook Reader is reportedly great for note-taking on android devices. ■

Book review: *Go Set a Watchman*

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Perhaps the biggest controversy about the book is its perceived portrayal of Atticus as a possible racist.

“Watchman” takes place in the late 1950s when Scout (now known as Jean Louise) is 26 years old, living in New York City, and returning to Maycomb for a two week visit with Atticus, who is in his 70s. He is almost crippled with rheumatoid arthritis but, while his body is deteriorating, Atticus’ mind is still very sharp.

Jean Louise is not married, and she has liberal ideas as a New Yorker, particularly concerning racial issues and the infant civil rights movement.

Please keep in mind that the terms “African American” and “Black” were not generally used, if at all, in the 1950s and early 1960s. The kindest terms used then to describe African Americans were “Negro” or “Colored”, as in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

At the beginning of the book, Jean Louise appears very cynical about her life in New York and life in general in Maycomb. She is being courted by Henry Clinton, a native of Maycomb and a childhood friend of her now-deceased older brother. Henry is in his 30s, and he returned to Maycomb after serving in World War II. He went to law school on the GI Bill, and he is now working for and helping Atticus.

Henry’s family had very little money, and he is what might be considered a self-made man, who is aspiring for better things in life than he had growing up.

An ambition of Henry at the time of Jean Louise’s visit is to run for the State Legislature. Both he and Atticus feel that, to do this, Henry has to fit in with the thinking of the voters in his district, including their racial prejudice and narrow mindedness, irrespective of his personal feelings and beliefs.

Consequently, Henry and Atticus attend a Citizens’ Council meeting at the County

Courthouse, where the guest speaker is a man who has devoted his adult life to preserving segregation in the South. Atticus is on the Board of Directors of this Citizens’ Council, and he is encouraging Henry to become active in it to assist his political campaign.

Unbeknownst to Atticus and Henry, Jean Louise was sitting in the balcony of the Courthouse during this meeting and heard the speeches favoring segregation. She cannot believe that her hero, Atticus, would act in this way.

She also remembers that Atticus, at the cost of losing many clients, once undertook the defense of a “Negro” man accused of raping a white woman, and he convinced the jury to return a not guilty verdict, which was almost unheard of at the time in the South (quite different from the “To Kill A Mockingbird” book and movie versions).

This revelation that Atticus is no longer her iconic hero sets the stage for many discussions, arguments and debates involving Jean Louise, Henry, Atticus and Atticus’ eccentric younger brother, Dr. John Finch.

The main issue in these discussions is whether the Tenth Amendment or the Fourteenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution should prevail at that time with respect to civil rights.

Also, there are many arguments in the book concerning the U. S. Supreme Court, the Justice Department and the NAACP prematurely pushing integration when the South and the “Negroes” were not ready for it.

The old saying “if not now, when” is a main topic of debate in much of the book.

Obviously, in retrospect, the Fourteenth Amendment prevailed in the U. S. Supreme Court, and was later buttressed with the passage in 1968 of the Civil Rights’ Act of 1964.

An interesting part of the book was how Atticus encouraged these discussions and arguments with Jean Louise. I think he

was trying to show her first of all that he was not Gregory Peck perfect, that he was human, and that he made mistakes like everyone else.

It also shows the admiration that Atticus had for Jean Louise being able to hold her ground on what she believes to be right, even if it is against him.

By the way, the title of the book comes from Isaiah, Chapter 21, Verse 6, in the King James Bible:

“For thus the Lord said unto me, go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.”

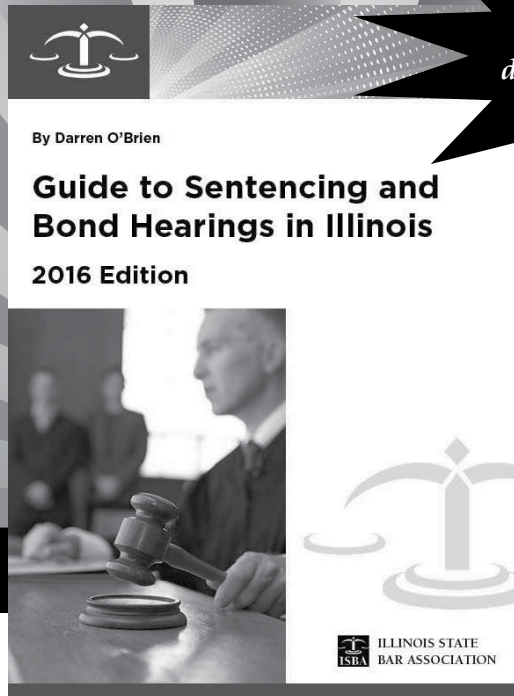
The passage refers to a lookout being sent from a banquet to give careful attention to what he sees, which, in Isaiah’s case, was to receive a report from the armies that had just destroyed Babylon, which had been treacherous to the people it had conquered. According to some interpretations of this verse, God sent Isaiah a vision showing that people who destroy others will also be destroyed. This does sound somewhat like an underlying metaphor in this book.

Most of the publicity surrounding “Go Set A Watchman” claims that it was written before “To Kill A Mockingbird”. However, in reading this book, and having read *Mockingbird* a number of years ago, I had the impression that Ms. Lee wrote but one book with many flashbacks to Jean Louise’s childhood.

I also felt that Ms. Lee’s publisher in 1960 liked these flashbacks and Scout at age 10 better than Jean Louise as a 26 year old. I say this because the few flashbacks I read in *Watchman* presented a more favorable impression, at least for me, of Scout than of Jean Louise.

Therefore, if you have read these two books, or do read either or both of them, I would very much appreciate receiving your thoughts and whether you feel Atticus was a racist. You can post your comments electronically at the end of this book review, or e mail them to me at g.rafool@comcast.net. ■

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What in the world is Echo?

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were being played so I just said, Alexa, play Peter, Paul and Mary (you can tell I am a Senior Lawyer) which she did.

Now, I wanted to test the information available. I asked how tall the Empire State Building was; she said 1250 feet (she also gave it in meters). Alexa is a cloud based service and is connected to Wikipedia. As I knew I would be going to Springfield to participate in the Computer Basics program, I asked Alexa, the distance from Rockford to Springfield, and she said 173 miles. I asked her about the distance between Rockford and a certain city in Florida, and she knew that also. She does not have all imaginable information programmed into her. I asked her for the price of a room at the Marriott Courtyard in Springfield and she told me she has not been programmed for business information. I can only imagine that her database will grow with time. To further put her through her paces, I asked the score of the Cubs game, knowing that they aren't playing until this evening. She said, "The

Cubs are not playing right now. Yesterday they beat the Cardinals 9-0. They'll play tonight at 7:15pm away against the Cardinals." No, she did not add, Go Cubs Go! If you ask Alexa about the news, she gives you the NPR flash briefing with the weather or ESPN or a local station. She is connected through the cloud to both mine and my wife's calendars. I just ask what is on my calendar and she tells me. She has streaming music from Pandora, iHeart Radio, audiobooks from Audible, my music from my phone, and traffic reports. The shopping list function is a marriage saver for me. You ask Alexa to add an item to your shopping list and it appears in your phone which you can check while at the store (very helpful for those of us who come home with everything but the one item our spouse actually sent us to the store to get). You can even place re-orders of items you have previously ordered on Amazon (very smart of Amazon) and so much more.

I have now asked her to play "oldies,"

which is why I really like her. Not because she plays oldies, but because she can play anything. I cannot imagine I will ever buy another music CD. This aspect makes her so much fun. She may not be as sexy as Frank's iWatch, but she is certainly worth having around. Of course, I am easy to please. I was blown away by how cool the packaging was!

If you have been with me to this point, then you must be looking for some technical information. So here it is: Echo has seven microphones with beam-forming technology; the 360 degree omni-directional audio fills the room with immersive sound; it is 3.3 inches in diameter, 9.2 inches tall and weighs 3.4 pounds. It is hands free and always on. It will connect to Belkin WeMo, Phillips Hue, SmartThings and Wink to control lights and switches by voice commands. It has a 4.5 star rating on Amazon with 24,722 reviews at the time of this writing. If you want more information I suggest you visit Amazon.com. The price is \$179.99. ■

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Book review: *Go Set a Watchman*

BY GARY T. RAFOOL

To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee was published in 1960. It became an immediate success, and it is now considered an American literature classic.

In addition, the movie adaptation of this novel won three Academy Awards in 1963, including a best actor award for Gregory Peck. He portrayed Atticus Finch, a well respected attorney in the town of Maycomb, Alabama, in the 1940s.

Atticus was also a widowed father of two pre-teen aged children, one of whom was Jean Louise (also then known as "Scout"), who was about 10 years old at that time.

Harper Lee never published another book until "Go Set A Watchman" in 2015, which is the subject of this review. It is presently available in hard cover (278 pages) and electronically.

There has been controversy about this book, including the competence of Ms. Lee, who is now in her late 80s, to authorize its publication. It has even been suggested that she never agreed to its publication.

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• What in the world is • Echo?

• BY DON MATEER

• **Echo is a nine inch black tube of sheer fun.** If you are an Amazon Prime member, then this is the gadget for you. It sits on a desk or table and gives you weather, time, sports scores, unlimited music and all sorts of other information. Let's start with Amazon Prime. Many of us joined Amazon Prime (under \$100 a year) to get free shipping on Amazon products in two business days. But there is so much more. The biggest features are movies (similar to Netflix) and Prime Music. Echo is your voice-activated access to music and information. So if you are an Amazon Prime member already or are thinking about it, let me tell you about Echo.

• As I sat down to write this article, I asked Alexa (the wake up word for Echo) what the weather was. She knows I am in Rockford so she gave me the weather forecast for the day, which included rain and thunderstorms all day. This was a nice confirmation of my decision to stay in and write this article. Next I came up with a request for her to play Mannheim Steamroller, which she promptly began from prime music. However, too many Christmas songs

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