

CALL FOR ANNOTATIONS:

“THE ADVENTURE OF THE NORWOOD BUILDER”

Our annual *Almanac & Reader* always has three main features: (1) exemplary legal writing, (2) chronologies of interesting moments in law and language, and (3) entertaining tidbits relating to some theme that we hope you will enjoy. The theme for the 2015 *Almanac* is “The Adventure of the Norwood Builder” – a Sherlock Holmes mystery set in 1894 and published in 1903. One of the tidbits will be a freshly annotated edition of the story, based on the 1905 U.S. edition in *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*. (It is available on our website.)

How to submit an annotation: Email us a Word document with the passage from “Norwood Builder” that you want to annotate, and the annotation included as either (a) a footnote to your document if the annotation is just text or (b) a separate attachment if the annotation is an image (photograph, chart, or whatever). If your annotation involves assertions of fact or law, include citations to – and quotations from – appropriate authorities. Thus, for example, it is not enough to say, “The will drafted by McFarlane was invalid because English law in 1894 required two disinterested witnesses and he had only one.” What law? What did it say? Where are the cases supporting your interpretation? Do any go the other way? Similarly, if “the Anerley Arms was a going concern in 1894,” we will need to see some record or contemporaneous report of its operations in 1894. You get the idea: We are giving “Norwood Builder” the law review treatment.

Each point of annotation should add to the reader’s understanding or enjoyment of the story, including but not limited to its legal aspects.

We will give credit where it is due: Annotations to our edition of “Norwood Builder” will appear as footnotes and illustrations. Each footnote will identify by name the author of that note. Each illustration’s caption will identify by name the contributor of that image.

Length limit: There is no length limit, but please be reasonable.

Deadline: Finished works must be received at editors@greenbag.org by December 24, 2014.

Criteria: We will select works for publication based on how useful, interesting, well-researched, well-written, and good-spirited they are.