

# Bathroom Reader

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## LIBRARY SERVICES



Welcome back from spring break! We hope you had some time to relax and recharge for the last push to the end of the semester.

As finals and paper deadlines approach, don't forget that the Library is here to help!

Need a sample exam? Just go to the Library website and look for the "Quick Links" box and the "Exam Archive" link.

What about study aids? There are study aids at the Circulation Desk for many courses. Ask to see what's available and choose what suits your needs.

If you need some help with SYS, ask for help from the Reference Assistants located in the Lobby at the desk. They're happy to help with any research needs.

Good luck and let us know if there is something more the Library can do to help you out!

## WORD OF THE WEEK

Here are the Word of the Week winners since last issue.  
Sabrina Kawana - *opprobrium*  
Conor Smith - *benchslap*  
Lei Morgan - *owelty*  
Jen Cha - *kangaroo court*  
Congratulations to the winners! Submit your legal words at the Circulation Desk for your chance to win a \$10 Starbucks giftcard.

## SCOTUS JUSTICE

### MIX UP

Can you un-mix the U.S. Supreme Court Justices' last names? You probably have some time now, give them a try! Answers below.

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| 1. Molesh  | 6. Birggnus |
| 2. Lacsai  | 7. Laalshrm |
| 3. Czoorad | 8. Annerbn  |
| 4. Cnooonr | 9. Yorst    |
| 5. Rugreb  |             |

## "PROLIXITY IN PLEADING"

There are some words and phrases you really don't want a judge to apply to anything you file:

- sprawling
- behemoth
- surplusage

- larded with
  - voluminous
  - breathtaking
  - madness
  - chokes the docket
  - intended to overwhelm
  - labyrinthian prolixity of unrelated and vituperative charges
  - sanctions
- U.S. District Judge W. Pauley used all of them in a March 24 order and mentions a historical punishment for such an offense:

*[I]n the reign of the Stuarts there was one counsel who had offended the court by preparing a needlessly long and prolix pleading on parchment. He was ordered to have his pleadings taken, a large hole to be cut in the middle, he was to have his head pushed through it, and he was to attend the first day of the term of every court with his head through the pleadings.*

Ouch.

*The UPS Store, Inc. v. Hagan, No. 14cv1210. From [www.loweringthebar.net/2015/03/judge-criticizes-behemoth-pleadings-.html](http://www.loweringthebar.net/2015/03/judge-criticizes-behemoth-pleadings-.html)*

5.	Burger
4.	O'Connor
3.	Cardozo
2.	Scalia
1.	Holmes
6.	Ginsburg
7.	Marshall
8.	Brennan
9.	Storia