

Bathroom Reader

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WELCOME BACK!

We hope you enjoyed Winter Break and were able to rejuvenate for the new semester.



As always, the Library is here to help. Please make use of our various resources - study aids for class, research help for SYS, etc. - to make this term a success. Please let us know if there is anything the Library could do for you and we'll do our best to provide.

RICHARDSON GRAD TO CLERK AT SCOTUS



A graduate of our School, Kamaile Turčan, will be clerking for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor, starting this summer. The 2008 graduate will be the first Richardson student to clerk for a Supreme Court justice.

Kamaile clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Alan Ezra and 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Richard Clifton. She then went on to work for NOAA in their Pacific Islands Section.

Good luck, Kamaile! We're sure you'll do great!

PUERTO RICO V. VALLE

In 2008, Puerto Rico prosecutors filed charges against two men. Before trial, the U.S. Attorney's office also charged them both for actions that were the basis for the local charge and were convicted. The men then requested that the charges brought in Puerto Rican court be dismissed on double jeopardy grounds.

After a string of reversals through the PR appellate courts, the case arrived at the U.S. Supreme Court and presented this issue: Whether the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the federal government are separate sovereigns for purposes of the Double Jeopardy Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

Oral argument took place January 13. According to one reporter covering arguments, PR's "unique and unusual relationship with the U.S. flummoxed the Supreme Court . . . as it tried to determine whether federal law and Puerto Rican law can, or should, coexist."

The Puerto Rican government's position is for sovereignty (thus allowing the prosecution to continue), while the U.S. government, various groups from PR,

the U.S. Virgin Islands, and a Florida criminal defense attorney organization, all were against sovereignty. *From scotusblog.com*

POTENT QUOTABLES



A recent article in The Green Bag attempted to determine which current U.S. Supreme Court justice is the "most literary." The authors selected 91 authors and their works that they believed to be representative of "high" literature. (No J.K. Rowling, no Dr. Suess.)

There was a tie for most-referenced author: Shakespeare and Lewis Carroll; they each had sixteen references. Others oft-cited included George Orwell, Charles Dickens, and Aesop, of Fables fame. Authors on the list who were not referenced at all? Harper Lee, Edgar Allen Poe, and C.S. Lewis.

As for the justices, Justice Scalia was the most literary, both in raw data and when number of opinions were taken into account. Both Justices Sotomayor and Kagan had zero references to any of the 91 authors.

For more info, check out the article: Dodson & Dodson, 18 Green Bag 2d 429 (2015).