

Bathroom Reader

The More You Go, The More You Know

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WELCOME BACK



Uncle Bill would like to welcome back the students, faculty, and

staff members to the Law Library for another spectacular year. And to the 1Ls beginning their first year of law school—congratulations and good luck!

FYI ON COOL STUFF

Need more screen space when doing legal research? Check out our Cool Stuff at the front Circulation Desk for our newest additions: three Apple- and Mac-compatible computer monitors are available for check out starting now. We also have a multi-charging cable for all your charging needs.

RESTROOM RUMBLE

You may have heard about the federal lawsuit over a transgender teen's (Gavin Grimm) demand to use the boy's restroom at his high school. As of this month, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals has announced it will delay its arguments scheduled for

September and send the case back to the district court for the judge to decide whether or not the case is moot considering that Grimm has recently graduated high school. So does Grimm no longer have standing as a high school graduate? Or can his argument that he may attend alumni events or other school functions on campus be deemed valid?

The case is complicated further by the fact that President Trump has reversed President Obama's guidance instructing public schools to allow their students to use the bathroom that matches the gender they identify with as opposed to their gender assigned at birth. The case may turn into a battle over whether the plain language of Title IX determines gender by physiological "sex", as the school argues, or if the law allows for a more nuanced definition of gender.

ARGUE LIKE IT'S HOT



A failed marriage engagement combined with a bitter

three-year-long legal battle ended in a court order for two ex-lovebirds and co-CEOs, Philip Shawe and Liz Elting, to sell their translation services company, TransPerfect.

Hoping to win an appeal, Shawe created a \$115,000 scholarship for three second- and third-year law students who could prepare the strongest arguments against the forced sale of the company. Steven Hermosa, a 2017 University of Florida Law School graduate, won the top prize of \$65,000 by arguing that there would be no public interest in the sale of a profitable company, unlike that of private property taken through eminent domain. "It was an unforgettable experience," Hermosa said. "What more could you ask for than the opportunity to argue a real-world case in front of a panel of judges and future peers?"

There were 240 students competing for the scholarship, arguing before a panel of judges at a charity gala before moving to the hotel rooftop where Snoop Dogg performed.