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THE ANNOYED BOBBLEHEAD

“Closely related to compelled speech and compelled association is compelled funding of the speech of other private speakers or groups.” *Knox v. SEIU* (2012).

Why a textile background here (and on the box)? *Williams-Yulee v. Florida Bar* (2015) (Alito, J., dissenting): “Indeed, this rule is about as narrowly tailored as a burlap bag.”

“The Sixth Amendment guarantees . . . ‘an impartial jury.’ In my view, this requirement is satisfied so long as no biased juror is actually seated at trial.” *Skilling v. U.S.* (2010) (Alito, J., concurring).

“When Congress passed the Clean Water Act in 1972, it . . . did not define what it meant by ‘the waters of the United States’ . . . [u]nsurprisingly, the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers interpreted the phrase as an essentially limitless grant of authority.” *Sackett v. E.P.A.* (2012) (Alito, J., concurring).



“Hair on the head is a more plausible place to hide contraband than a ½-inch beard — and the same is true of an inmate’s clothing and shoes. Nevertheless, the Department does not require inmates to go about bald, barefoot, or naked.” *Holt v. Hobbs* (2015). Gregory Holt was in the Cummins Unit of the Arkansas prison system, where the inmates’ standard footwear was white athletic shoes.

“Because the ordinary meaning of ‘interpreter’ is someone who translates orally from one language to another, we hold that the category ‘compensation of interpreters’ in §1920(6) does not include costs for document translation.” *Taniguchi v. Kan Pacific Saipan, Ltd.* (2012).

“This suit involves a tract of former crown land on Maui . . .” *Hawai’i v. O.H.A.* (2009).

Losing with class — the underappreciated art (and value) of a gentle civility in dissent:

I agree with many of JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR’s criticisms of the plurality opinion. I also agree with THE CHIEF JUSTICE’s critique of the plurality’s suggestion that, when two halves of a statute “do not easily cohere with each other,” an agency administering the statute is free to decide which half it will obey. . . . While I, like JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR, would affirm the Court of Appeals, my justification for doing so differs somewhat from hers.

Scialabba v. Cuellar de Osorio (2014) (Alito, J., dissenting alone — referring to, inter alia, Sotomayor, J., joined by Thomas and Breyer, JJ., dissenting: “If today’s baseball game is rained out, your ticket shall automatically be converted to a ticket for next Saturday’s game, and you shall retain your free souvenir from today’s game.” — and prompting some readers, at least, to consider the merits of the collegial solo dissent).