



# EX ANTE

## OUR MISTAKE

In our Winter 2019 issue we thanked Mark Pulliam for catching an embarrassing error in our Autumn 2018 issue. *Our Mistake*, 22 Green Bag 2d 101. In the course of follow-up correspondence about that matter, Pulliam mentioned that he had received the Winter issue and,

Alas, no sooner had I gotten to page 104 when I saw “existence” spelled “existance.” Which my spell check tried to prevent me from typing.

And so here we are, thanking him again in our Spring 2019 issue. When will our long editorial nightmare be over?

## COMMA COMMITMENT

Looking into our more distant past, we find that in our Summer 2018 Issue we suggested that someone – presumably a brave scholar with the acquiescence of a good-natured law review editorial board – ought to

include a comma at the end of the title of an article in a law review, and then someone else should cite that article in a later article in another law review, just to see how the editors of a law review deal with a terminal title comma.

21 Green Bag 2d 277. It took only a few months for bravery and good nature to rise up in answer our little challenge. In its Winter 2018-2019 issue, the *Texas Review of Law and Politics* published an article with an odd

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title – *The Disastrous Fraud of Lino A. Graglia*, (second from the bottom on the facing page) – and author Patrick O’Daniel’s explanation of that oddity:

The terminal comma at the end of this title is in answer to a request for same from the editors of the venerable *The Green Bag*. See *Ex Ante*, 21 GREEN BAG 271, 277 (2018) (wondering, for future citations, “how the editors of a law review deal with a terminal title comma” – of course, this requires someone to cite my article (Hint. Hint.)). . . .

23 Tex. Rev. L. & Pol. 373, 373 n.1. (2018)

When we checked Lexis and Westlaw for citing references, we found none, but we did stumble onto something worthy of comma-entary: Lexis has honored authorial/editorial intent, while Westlaw has opted to enforce conventionality at the expense of accuracy.

