



TO THE BAG

ONE FORMERLY UNSCHOLARLY PAPER

To the *Bag*:

You will be pleased or horrified to learn that my short piece, *SSRN and the (Arbitrary) Determination of Scholarly Merit*, 22 *Green Bag* 2d 201 (2019), has been accepted by SSRN for classification as a “Scholarly Paper.” Therefore it is viewable on my SSRN author page, unlike Brian Frye’s superior essay, *In re Patentability of the Peltzer Inventions* (at least initially – SSRN wisely reconsidered its classification).

Apparently, my blog post (from *The Faculty Lounge*) with footnotes added and then printed in the *Green Bag* is “scholarly” (at least at the moment of acceptance) in the eyes of the SSRN reviewers. This is oddly true even though I explicitly provide an opinion in the piece – supposedly a disqualifier for SSRN classification purposes.

I am as confused as ever about SSRN’s classification purposes, but, I remain,

Very truly yours,
Bridget J. Crawford
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AND ANOTHER

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I write to alert you that your publication appears to possess a special magic dust that can convert “non-scholarly papers” into “scholarly papers,” at least for SSRN classification purposes. SSRN believes that *Information for*

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Submitting to Specialty Law Reviews and Journals in Gender, Women & Sexuality is a “non-scholarly paper.” I most certainly agree. Imagine my surprise when SSRN accepted the same material, once published as *Submitting to Specialty Law Reviews and Journals in Gender, Women & Sexuality*, 22 Green Bag 2d 211 (2019), as a scholarly paper.

Yours in arbitrary classification,
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