CALL FOR PAPERS:  
TENURE REVIEW LETTERS: MY TOP SUGGESTION

We invite submissions for our sixth micro-symposium, to be published in the Green Bag.

Theme: Tenure Review Letters: My Top Suggestion, inspired by Eric Goldman’s Writing Tenure Review Letters: My Top Ten Suggestions, 19 GREEN BAG 2D 357 (2016). Invited topics: Any original work that gives us one – and no more than one – extension or correction or refinement of Goldman’s list:

1. Say Yes if Asked to Write a Letter (Unless . . .)
2. Answer the Questions Asked
3. Apply the Requesting School’s Tenure Standards
4. Be Succinct
5. Remember When You Were Young
6. Assess the Candidate’s Oeuvre
7. Publication Placement Is a Poor Quality Proxy
8. Constructive Feedback Is OK
9. Confidentiality Is Wishful Thinking
10. Send Your Letter on Time

Let us be clear: This is an opportunity to extend and improve Goldman’s list, not publish your own. Imagine his list is like some sort of list of rights and responsibilities, and you are a judge. You should not try to rewrite the whole thing at one go, but if you see something on the list that ought to be revised, or maybe something missing that ought to be added, perhaps you can find a way to work it in.1 Anyway, that is what we want you to do.

Length limit: 1,000 words, including title, text, footnotes, author note, and everything else.

Deadline: Finished works must be received at editors@greenbag.org by March 1, 2017. No extensions will be granted and no post-deadline tinkering will be permitted.

Selection criteria: We will select works for publication based on how original, interesting, well-researched, well-written, potentially useful, and good-spirited they are.

1 Cf. Posner & Segall (page 111 below), citing Baude & Sachs (page 105 below), citing Kennedy et al., Obergefell, 135 S.Ct at 2598. Ponder, for example, the meaning of the word “succinct” when both writer and reader make a living writing law review articles.