We pushed a little bit too hard in our relentless drive to move the Almanac & Reader train out of the station quickly this year (recall that last year we failed miserably). How do we know? We left some first-class passengers on the platform. We’re making up for that here in Ex Ante (see Bryan Garner’s The 15 Biggest Usage Gaffes in 2017 Law Journals, starting on this page, and the exemplary legal writing by Cher and Orrin Hatch on page 103), and in the Articles section (see Wendy Everette et al.’s The Year in Law and Technology, starting on page 109).

THE 15 BIGGEST USAGE GAFFES IN 2017 LAW JOURNALS

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2. “[T]he Court went on to strike down laws forbidding aliens . . . to serve as notary publics [read notaries public].” Aaron Tang, Reverse Political Process Theory, 70 Vand. L. Rev. 1427, 1440 (2017).

3. “[B]ut of course ‘voluntary accompaniment’ meant that the man should have been free to leave at any time anyways [read anyway].” Colin P.A. Jones, From Great Writ to Tuning Fork, 12 U. Penn. Asian L. Rev. 407, 416 n.35 (2017).

4. “Do civil rights laws impact the deep seeded [read deep-seated] white racism that exists in the fabric of society?” Robert Bracamontes Black Crow, 50 Years of Loving, 50 Creighton L. Rev. 669, 670 (2017) (with extra credit for not only bungling deep-seated but also failing to hyphenate both it and the sentence’s other phrasal adjective, civil-rights—and for using impact as a verb).

5. “The State of Florida ultimately spent $33,000 in sequestration costs and, all tolled [read all told], the trial cost the Seminole County Sherriff’s