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ONE FORMERLY UNSCHOLARLY PAPER

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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
White Plains, NY

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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