



One Man's Boring is Another Woman's Scotus Preview

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I'm a law nerd.

That's why I work for United States Law Week (a.k.a. U.S. Law Geek, though not by anyone else except for me).

Here, we dig into of the moment stuff, like how fascinating preemption cases are, why the Supreme Court is taking so long on the Native American jurisdiction case, and how a "minor correction" to a Supreme Court opinion could give an inside scoop into the storied institution following the unexpected death of Justice Antonin Scalia.

And I tend to think that Supreme Court-watchers are... umm... how should I put this... ridiculously geeky too.

That's why I was a little surprised when SCOTUSblog founder Tom Goldstein used the term "boring" *gasp* to describe next term's U.S. Supreme Court cases to me shortly after the last term ended in June.

Ok, I get it. No major civil rights cases. No Obamacare disputes. Not even a good constitutional challenge to the death penalty on the high court's docket yet.

But, that's really the way things typically are at the Supreme Court, the Cato Institute's Ilya Shapiro told me earlier this summer.

It's unusual for the Supreme Court to be on the front page of every newspaper come June, like it has been over the last few terms, Shapiro said.

What we're seeing this term is really just a "regression toward the mean," he added. So for a nonrandom sample (I love statistics almost as much as I love the law) of cases that might "interest" you, head over to *United States Law Week*.

You can check out a by-the-numbers look at next term's cases or how the high court's business docket is shaping up.

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