

# Hold Onto Your Knickers: Biglaw Partner Said 'Damn' At The Supreme Court

"During Supreme Court oral arguments earlier this week, a Biglaw partner dropped a 'damn' to colorfully illustrate his point," reports Kathryn Rubino in Above the Law's *Courts*.

"It happened during the arguments in *Opati v. Republic of Sudan*. Sudan's lawyer, White & Case's Christopher Curran, was in an exchange with Justice Stephen Breyer when he argued SCOTUS had previously held the retroactive assessment of punitive damages was unfair and a 'draconian step.' That's when the juiciness happened:"

*"So before we attribute that intention to Congress, we're going to ask Congress to say it pretty damn clearly."*

"Chief Justice William Rehnquist let it fly in arguments in *Donnelly v. Dechristoforo* (1974). In fact, according to Law.com, 'damn' has been said a handful of times during oral arguments from 1950-2015. However, the majority of the times it was used it was in quoting the record of the case. But at least one other advocate used 'damn' for emphasis:"

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