



Et Cetera Presents: A Treasury of Typos

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Barbara Botello wins! Hands down!! She is, hereby and herewith, declared as the *Et Cetera* undisputed champion of Typographical *Arrows*.

Barbara — who claims to be a proof-reader and librarian for the Amarillo firm of Hinkle, Cox, etc. — has amassed a truly incredible collection of typographical errors. Here are some of the best ones from *Barbara Botello's Battery of Blunders* (which I have arranged loosely into typo's from pleadings, briefs, letters, memo's, etc.).

PLEEDINGS

1. Statements made by any person, witnesses, or *patties*
2. Identify with *peculiarity* everything relating to ...
3. Damages for loss of *contortions*
4. The above-entitled case *can only* be considered by the court ... (came on to)
5. And *for the praise of* general relief ... (further prays for)
6. On this day personally appeared John Doe, who was not *incapitated* in any manner
7. The defendant in all things *holy* defaulted

BELEAFS

8. In spite of Jane Doe's "red *ear-rings* her argument failed to ... (herrings)

9. The approval was unanimous; there were no *descending* votes
10. Four trainees were sent to the *Execution* Review Board
11. Generally *acceptable* auditing standards ... (accepted)
12. In determining whether the transaction is consistent with the *pubic* interest
13. Must not *maturely* and adversely affect the company's ability
14. To the extent of any inconsistencies between these terms and Texas law, Texas law shall *contort*

KONTRACTS

15. Agrees to indemnify and hold *armless*
16. An individual may *exceed* himself for one additional term
17. All *representatives*, warranties, covenants, and agreements shall survive the closing
18. Headings shall not be used to *interrupt* or construe these provisions
19. This contract will remain in force until terminated by one of the following events: employee's *abstinence for more than 30 consecutive days*
20. Governed by the laws of *Teas* ... (Texas)
21. In *wetness* whereof, the parties hereto

AGLEEMINTS

22. If parts can be refurbished for *rescue* by the company ... (reuse)
23. Lessee shall not *lease* or bury trash ... (leave)
24. Any attempt to dispose of a partner's interest shall constitute a *martial* breach of this agreement
25. The associate will be terminated if he is found guilty of unethical conduct by any *unprofessional* society
26. At least 20 days before your *exit-ing* policy expires
27. The board of regents shall provide for the clinical, post-graduate, including internship and residency, or other levels of *medication* ... (education)
28. Prohibited from engaging in conduct whereby the health, safety, or welfare of patients may be adversely *infected*

CORRESPON-DENSE

29. Your *price* is in the mail ... (prize)
30. I have not received any correspondence from *our* former wife's attorney ... (your)
31. Enclosed are the correction documents we *repaired*
32. These models will *stimulate* the proposed transfer of power ... (simulate)

- 33. I have given the information to the *executioner* ... (executor)
- 34. Please sign the enclosed *Quick-Claim* deed
- 35. Thank you for your *patients* in this matter

MEMO-RAN-DUMB

- 36. No performance units were granted to the *executed* officers
- 37. To lease facilities as a *con-nivance* to its customers ... (convenience)
- 38. There is no *president* for additional delivery points
- 39. Make sure the customer knows all the available options so he can make an *informal* decision ... (informed)
- 40. He wants to *flush* out the relationship with John Doe ... (flesh)

BANKRUPTURES

- 41. Trustee recommends that this *clam* be allowed
- 42. The creditor can threaten to turn the debtor *into* the Credit Bureau
- 43. Creditor's responsibility regard-

- ing resolution of billing *heirs* ... (errors)
- 44. A preferential right to purchase *tortuously* interfered with the contract ... (tortiously)
- 45. I have reviewed applicants' *flings* ... (filings)

KRIMINLE

- 46. A *plan* of guilty or nolo contendere
- 47. The pharmacy is manufacturing an *unimproved* new drug ... (unapproved)
- 48. I have just returned from a *sting* on a jury ... (stint)
- 49. Do you have any *insider* information concerning ... (insight or)
- 50. One count of aiding and *bedding* bank fraud
- 51. Enclosed is a draft of the motion to *reuse* Judge Doe

GNU LEEGLE PRINCIPALS

- 52. Statuthority ... (statutory authority)
- 53. Defendant asserts waiver as an *offensive* defense ... (affirmative)
- 54. Collateral estoppel promotes judi-

- cial *calamity* by ... (economy)
- 55. Findings of *fat* and conclusions of law
- 56. Motion For *Summery* Judgment

NUNCENTS

- 57. *Fixtures fitting in glass* (fixtures, fittings, and glass)
- 58. Mr. Doe represented an employee in a wrongful discharge *chase*
- 59. Counsel considered economic, industry, and *regularity* conditions ... (regulatory)
- 60. The firm has 47 lawyers, each *without* his or her own ideas
- 61. *Boos* of the Year award ... (boss)
- 62. The consent of the surviving spouse, children, or *closet* relative must be obtained
- 63. John Doe, Justice of the *Peach*

Thanks, Barbara!!

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