



Today's Judicial Misfit is: Boston Bankruptcy Judge Robert Somma



U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert (aka, Roberta) Somma was arrested in New Hampshire in Feb 2008 for driving under the influence. At the time of her arrest; Roberta was wearing a black cocktail dress, fishnet stockings and high heels. The arresting officer did not make mention of Roberta's garb in his police report, but did mention that Roberta "had a difficult time locating his license in his purse." (*The Union Leader – Concord Monitor*)

Roberta's arrest came about after he rear-ended a male driver (Say what?) in a pickup truck. (*Boston Globe*)

I don't know about you guys, but me thinks that most fellows would not find Roberta to be attractive, right? In fact, I think she would have trouble picking up a date at the local blind society in Boston. In truth, I believe Roberta would be declared unattractive via the brail system.



Luckily, I was able to locate a photo of the black cocktail dress; and the pink pumps Roberta was wearing when she was arrested.



Enablers support Roberta's conduct



Attorney Paul D. Moore, a partner with Duane Morris LLP in Boston who works the bankruptcy circuit embarked on a campaign to persuade Roberta to withdraw her anticipated resignation and remain on the bench. Apparently, Moore was able to obtain signatures from around 200 other attorney enablers and apologists in seeking to have Roberta remain on the bench.

You have to really wonder about the mentality and ethics of attorneys who would openly argue to retain Roberta on the bench, right?

Circuit Judge Wenthe Praises Roberta



Judge Gary H. Wenthe is Circuit Executive for the First Circuit Court of Appeals located in Boston. In addition, he also acts as chief enabler and apologist for all district and appellate judges along with bankruptcy judges. After Roberta was outed as a result of her arrest in Feb, Wenthe said, "He made a mistake; he took responsibility for it." This is nothing more than hyperbolic dribble at best. Who in the hell did Wenthe believe was responsible for Roberta's conduct. Maybe he thought it was Roberta's make-up man or his fashion designer!

Wenthe went on to say, "He was an absolutely excellent judge and has been and will remain a member of the bar. His judicial skills and temperament will be sorely

missed.” How about the entertainment value she provided to the court in her cross-dressing role, Gary? Ya think some of your fellow jurists will miss her skills and temperament while she was donning a sexy cocktail dress and high heel pumps verses that bland judicial robe and Bostonian loafers.

Roberta’s resignation

On April 1, 2008 (appropriate date to say the least), Roberta finally resigned from the bench. Prior to the resignation, court officials said Roberta is a judge in good standing (even while wearing pink pumps and drunk?) and has no history of problems. No history of problems you say? Give me a break!

Roberta’s Cross-Dressing Garb

I was pretty fortunate in obtaining several photos of Roberta, both past and present while she gallivanted around and about in her alternative garb. Below you will find a gallery of photos with appropriate titles, etc.

Annual Boston Pride Gala – 1994

Below is a photo of Roberta strutting her stuff at the 1994 Boston Pride Gala.



2004 Judicial Conference in San Francisco

Below is Roberta getting all snazzed-up to give a speech before 200 judges at a bi-annual judicial conference in San Francisco.



2005 Judicial Conference in Boston

Below is a photo of Roberta at Jacque's on Broadway in the Theater district in Boston.



Oooh, that feels so good, you nasty boy!

Roberta cooing for the crowd

Here's Roberta with her infamous fishnet stockings.



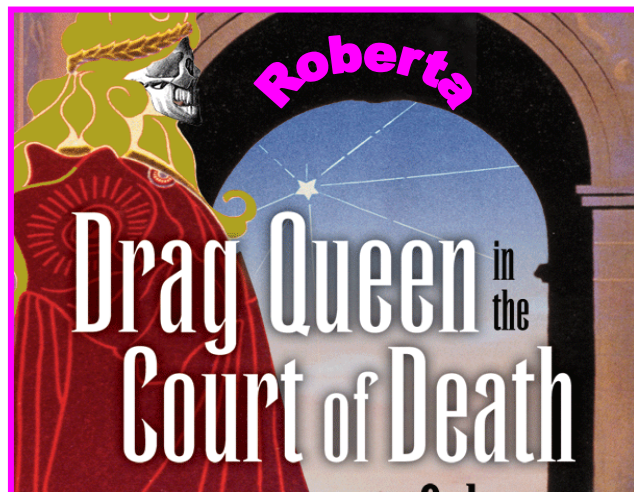
Roberta's Driver's License and Purse

Below is a photo of the purse that Roberta was using when arrested and the driver's license she had difficulty in retrieving from her purse.



Roberta's Future Endeavors

It is rumored that initially Roberta sought a job as a greeter at the local Wal-Mart in Andover. Unfortunately, he was denied the job when she insisted on wearing a dress and high-heels on alternate workdays. Roberta then decided to produce a drag show that would play at *Jimmy Tingle's Off Broadway Theatre* in downtown Boston.



Conclusion

Well, I for one certainly wish Roberta well in her future endeavors, as I suspect you do too. What a drag it must be for Roberta to no longer be able to strut her stuff in the Boston Bankruptcy Court. Well, I'm sure there are plenty of Roberta-like clones sitting on the bench in Boston that will be more than happy to provide a few laughs for the local gentry.
