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Former Justice Michael Eakin

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1. Suppose you are a female victim of sexual harassment in the workplace by several male co-workers. You bring a discrimination claim, and your case ultimately goes to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. How would you feel? Do you believe that Justice Eakin would be a fair judge of your claim?



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2. Suppose you are a law clerk to Justice Eakin, and you happen to see one or more of these emails (suppose he inadvertently leaves one open on his computer, or it just happens to cross your path)? Would you ignore it? Would you do anything? If so, what?

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3. Now suppose you are a friend or acquaintance or a colleague of Justice Eakin – you could be another justice on the Supreme Court, or you could just be a friend of his from outside the workplace. You come across one or more of these emails and their link to him. Same questions as number 2.



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4. Now suppose this didn't come from Justice Eakin, but it came from one of your law school classmates (or a member of another community you are a part of). Would you stay silent or would you speak out? what are the costs of staying silent?