

Selection of Interesting/Big Words from A Published Opinion

of the United States First Circuit, 01/09/2012, in [Samaan v. St. Joseph Hospital, No. 11-1480](#)

WORD	TEXT IN WHICH WORD IS USED	BRIEF DEFINITION OF WORD
1 [THIS EXCERPT IS NOT A WORD, BUT AN INTERESTING EXPRESSION]	Many aspects of science are a mystery to laymen without the aid of experts. <i>In the world of the blind, the one-eyed man is king</i> ; and Daubert relevancy is the sentry that guards against the tyranny of experts.	
2 gallimaufry	In this venue, the plaintiff raises a gallimaufry of issues.	a hodgepodge; jumble; confused medley. 2. a ragout or hash
3 bruited	His most loudly bruited claims of error relate to the denial of his motion to remand the case to state court, the formulation of the standard for causation under Maine law, the exclusion of expert witness testimony, and the entry of summary judgment vis-à-vis his claim of negligent infliction of emotional distress.	to voice abroad; rumor (used chiefly in the passive and often followed by about)
4 asseveration	We address this asseverational array piece by piece.	(tr) to assert or declare emphatically or solemnly
5 penumbra	Taking the plaintiff's designations in context and crediting his assertion that Drs. Walsh and Hussein were within the penumbra of "medical treatment providers," <i>it is nose-on-the-face plain</i> that these two physicians were intended to be fact witnesses who would testify only as to the nature of the plaintiff's condition and the extent of his damages.	1 an area within which distinction or resolution is difficult or uncertain. 2 an extension of protection, reach, application, or consideration; especially, a body of rights held to be guaranteed by implication from other rights explicitly enumerated in the U.S. Constitution penumbra where privacy is protected from governmental intrusion.
6 sockdolager	The sockdolager , of course, is the extreme prejudice that would have attended an eleventh-hour decision to allow the plaintiff to convert two fact witnesses into experts on causation.	1. something unusually large, heavy, etc. a decisive blow or remark 2. a decisive reply, argument, etc. 3. a heavy, finishing blow: <i>His right jab is a real sockdolager.</i>
7 perscrutation	If perscrutation reveals "that there is simply too great an analytical gap between the data and the opinion proffered," the expert's testimony should be excluded.	A thorough searching; a minute inquiry or scrutiny.
8 algid	We cannot, from the remote vista of an algid appellate record, second-guess that choice.	cold; chilly.
9 pellucid	the Law Court has made it pellucid that the claim falls within the <i>ambit</i> of "professional negligence"	1. allowing the maximum passage of light, as glass; translucent. 2. clear or limpid: pellucid waters. 3. clear in meaning, expression, or style: a pellucid way of writing.