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- And finally, Bismarck, Otto van Bismarck, is brought to us this week by [Smith v. Isakson](#), in which Eric Smith was found guilty of violating a Bismarck ordinance restricting the use of public grounds without a permit after a mall and fast-food restaurant repeatedly asked Mr. Smith to remove his flags, banners, and assorted merchandise promoting the campaign of a particular presidential candidate from the property. (Don't ask us, could have been any number of presidential candidates.). The penalty for this particular infraction is \$100. There exists no possibility for jail time. Nevertheless, in a move no one could have seen coming from an individual already deemed a vexatious litigant (Is there a better two-word combo in the English language? Moist Towelette?) by the Supreme Court of North Dakota, Mr. Smith sued the mall for \$500k (*pro se*, natch) and managed to ([once again](#)) take his case to the state supreme court. Our deepest, deepest condolences to the DAs who will now be required to provide Mr. Smith with a jury trial. You ever deal with a *pro se* litigant? Think clown-car towing rabid monkeys barreling head-long into a tanker truck of human waste. And finally, finally, [when even Chick-fil-A](#) wants you off its property, please take this as a sign that it's time for a long dark night of political soul-searching.