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Zoe Ellen Brain
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Two classic cases - severe ones.




Re: Sam and Terry (Gender Dysphoria) [2013] FamCA 563 (31 July 2013)
 IT IS NOTED that publication of this judgment by this Court under the pseudonym Re Sam and Terry...
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 It's "interesting" that they employ the DSM-5 standards (a disappointing document).
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 DSM-5, "Gender Dysphoria", p 456-7:
 Risk and Prognostic Factors
 Environmental. Among individuals with gender dysphoria without a disorder of sex development, males with gender dysphoria (in both childhood and adolescence) more commonly have older brothers than do males without the condition. Additional predisposing factors under consideration, especially in individuals with late-onset gender dysphoria (adolescence, adulthood), include habitual fetishistic transvestism developing into autogynephilia (i.e., sexual arousal associated with the thought or image of oneself as a woman) and other forms of more general social, psychological, or developmental problems.
 "predisposing factors' involving 'problems' ... oh dear ... FEEL THE PATHOLOGY!"
 Genetic and physiological. For individuals with gender dysphoria without a disorder of sex development, some genetic contribution is suggested by evidence for (weak) familiarity of transsexualism among nontwin siblings, increased concordance for transsexualism in monozygotic compared with dizygotic same-sex twins, and some degree of heritability of gender dysphoria. As to endocrine findings, no endogenous systemic abnormalities in sex-hormone levels have been found in 46,XY individuals, whereas there appear to be increased androgen levels (in the range found in hirsute women but far below normal male levels) in 46,XX individuals. Overall, CURRENT EVIDENCE IS INSUFFICIENT to label gender dysphoria without a disorder of sex development as a form of intersexuality limited to the central nervous system.
 ... how very very "measured" it all is.
 [IOW, Lord - what a load of bollocks]
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Sarah Roberta Wilson "habitual fetishistic transvestism developing into autogynephilia" Trying to hide the pathologizing here is like trying to cover the glow of a campfire with a pillowcase. Guess who was responsible for that coat of scarlet paint.
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 I'm pretty sure it wasn't Blanchard... because it's a truly moronic interpretation of his theory?
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Sarah Roberta Wilson It smells of Blanchard.

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Bonze AnneRose Blayk -

I mean, obviously: Blanchard's a promoter of the concept of "Erotic Target Location Errors", which have obscure origins in the biology of sexual orientation - which in males usually works OK to accomplish reproduction, yet is intrinsically SNAFU with respect to the partner as "a whole individual", and sometimes goes REALLY REALLY WRONG (as in sadistic paraphilias).

I think he's wrong to believe ETLEs are a meaningful way to think about transsexualism, but it's an intriguing way to approach the analysis of paraphilic sexual behaviors. (Blanchard blows it by refusing to characterize homosexuality as an ETLE and a "paraphilia", which in the context of this approach is ... politically savvy, but theoretically amounts to boneheaded stupidity?)

Anyway, "habitual fetishism developing into..." reeks of behaviorism. Conceivably Ken Zucker influenced this?

Finally: never confuse the ideas of a researcher with the interpretations put on them by their "admirers", and that goes double for their ideas as explained by their sworn enemies.†

And finally finally: just count yourself lucky you did not wind up practicing forensic sexology, like Blanchard (and John Money): you get to be alone in a room with the most godawfully EVIL people imaginable, and then you have to "relate" to them. -GUCK-

†Especially Ayn Rand!

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And just to note, Blanchard was the first to speculate that "autogynephilia" would be associated with brain structures different in character from both generic male AND female brain morphology... and it appears he may have been correct.

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James Dugan What's scary here is that I'm actually beginning to understand this stuff...

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Erica Neil I've already given an alternate, and far more palatable, explanation for the phenomenon Blanchard et al describe as "autogynephilia." Like so many other human behaviors seen as aberrant, it is a COPING MECHANISM, developed to ward off the inevitable insanity a trans person succumbs to as a result of the introduction of pubertal testosterone to a female-oriented brain. That's the short version, but I've explained it in greater detail to James.

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James Dugan Available online here:

<http://atomicdunce.wordpress.com/.../crossdressing-as-a-.../>



Crossdressing as a coping strategy...

Ever since I figured out the issue I have, crossdressing has appealed to me. I couldn't say WHY, simply that it...

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James Dugan Insanity? well, definitely for about 2 weeks.

....otherwise see:

<http://freethoughtblogs.com/.../that-was-dysphoria-8-.../>



"That was dysphoria?" 8 signs and symptoms of indirect gender dysphoria

I am not a doctor, and none of this should be taken as...

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Bonze AnneRose Blayk ·
re: "autogynephilia"

1) I am absolutely certain that Charles Allan Moser was correct in concluding from his brief research project that the characteristics "measured" by Blanchard's Autogynephilia Instrument are present in a large percentage of natal women. A followon study appeared to confirm this finding; Blanchard never bothered to compare TS with natal women, proving... he's got a major-league blind spot here. (It boils down to arousal, and yes, women do become aroused - solo - while imaging themselves as sexually desirable persons. I view this as "bleedin' obvious", but that's because it's obvious in some of my women friends?)

2) w/r/t "Transvestic Fetishism", it only occurred to me after beginning transition that dressing functioned as a compensatory mechanism; like a lot of women, I tend to dress to compensate for some of my deficiencies in terms of my figure, and BOY THERE IS A LOT OF LACK TO MAKE UP FOR. (Also, viewing arousal while dressed as "unusual" is rather weird from my POV, since being horny characterizes the male; males get horny at the drop of a hat... if you loathe your genitalia, this maybe won't apply?)

This is a big huge NON-problem for almost all folks who are not horrible prudes (and opposed to masturbation on principle).

I'm in agreement with Erica's ideas on a lot of points... except I don't believe that erotic (or elegant, or gender-characteristic) dressing is rare in women. (Now, IN THIS HERE TINYTOWN... *sigh* ... I get to be "different" from the locals outside of the businesswomen... which is fine by me.)

THE HILARIOUS PART:

Several weeks after I related to [James Dugan](#) that I expect (like a female chimpanzee?) any potential partner to bring me gifts of fruit or equivalent - and that women kinda-sorta did? - a handsome gentleman is relating to me that (among other things) he can drag the carcass of a deer a mile and a half?

I AM SOOOO THERE... but not yet? (drums nails)

RE:

Q: "What's the difference between a crossdresser and a transsexual?"

A: "One year!"

- variously:

A: "Two years!"

It's a joke. It's a joke on crossdressers: the two variants are the lengths of time in different locales required for the RLE... and the joke is, that male-gendered crossdressers will not be able to hack it, but at the same time they yearn/dread (fantasize on) living as a woman. (This "enlightenment" fell on me when coming across it while reading Helen Boyd's "My Husband Betty", which blew me away - OH MY GOD are the characters Helen describes as the focus of complaint from their wives really what "average" crossdressers are like? OMG! ... I've never associated with "orgs", so all I had was my own experience... which was -signally different-.)

Most of them would never be able to deal with losing "male privilege". (Or their sex drive.)

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James Dugan "women do become aroused - solo - while imaging themselves as sexually desirable persons" - oh - thank god. I thought something was wrong with me </sarcasm>

"tend to dress to compensate for some of my deficiencies in terms of my figure" - so obvious.....

"a handsome gentleman is relating to me that...." LOL! A dear carcass? <thank god no one is in the control room, I can't breathe! 😊>

"Most of them would never be able to deal with losing "male privilege". (Or their sex drive.)" - considering the repercussions of that. At 54, it's not as troublesome an exchange the more I think about it.

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To relate a story from some years back:

My sister (a former townie: name suppressed) told me, back when we were

"involved" for a few months, how when she was living in San Francisco she was a member of The Vixens Club - gals who would meet for parties occasionally DRESSED TO KILL?

... and when (inevitably) crossdressed males would show up and try to squeeze themselves in to their "scene", they would tear the clothes from their backs and send them back out into the streets!

OK, I was horrified. Appalled! Disgusted! "How could you do that to anybody!"

She just thought it was funny.

OK, I get it now: they're presuming these folks are just horny male crossdressers trying to "get in on the action!" - and since they outnumber TS by a huge margin, well, gee, their assumption is likely correct. I still wouldn't do that - unless they started to get "frisky"?

Which was not the point of the gathering, at all: it's not about sex, exactly, to start with, and obviously not, since she's not a lesbian? (Hence... she's my sister, right? LOL)

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James Dugan I don't know if I'd feel comfortable there, even if NOT in the 'outlier group'.

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Sarah Roberta Wilson Bonze, I have a couple more "punch lines" for you...

A crossdresser likes to sleep in his bra, a transsexual can't wait to take hers off at the end of the day.

A crossdresser wears lingere, a transsexual wears Hanes Her Way.

TWISI, I am to a degree, willing to give Blanchard the benefit of the doubt and acknowledge the existence of autogynephilia. I will submit though that AG is a little like an extended version of casual crossdressing in that it's temporary.

Transsexualism OTOH is permanent. Consider the difference between type III-IV of the Benjamin scale with type VI.

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Bonze AnneRose Blayk Um, such as?

(rapt attention)

AHA! More punchy now!

Well, I think Blanchard was on to something, but (being clueless in many ways?) he couldn't put his finger on it...

I think he's right about there being different types of transsexualism related to significantly different brain structures being involved in the types. OTOH, he oversells the Two-Type Theory (and I agree with [Nerissa Belcher](#) as far as I understand the processes of fetal development involved... there are a wide range of "types" occurring due to different circumstances influencing fetal development (timing of hormonal flood failures, for example? any of a number of different genetic variations involving androgen insensitivity, "mild" or "wild"? and... ??? ... and SOCIALIZATION.)

Oh, I'll quote John Money here. "Again?" ... again:

Venuses Penuses: Sexology Sexosophy and Exigency Theory
John Money

Prometheus Books buffalo, NY 1986

p. 394: "Effeminate homosexuality, masculine or "butch" lesbianism, and episodic transvestism are conditions which should be considered in the differential diagnosis of transsexualism. These variable manifestations of gender identity transposition may be regarded as constituting either a statistical typology, or as marking idealized points on a continuous distribution. One of the problems of differential diagnosis is that some diagnosticians postulate a typology, whereas the clinical phenomena are not polymodal, but statistically continuous in distribution. Confusion on this issue leads to unnecessary argument and dissent with regard to differential diagnosis."

This is also true for mental illnesses (just FYI), though some clinicians are loathe to admit it.

OTOH, I think the Benjamin Scale makes sense, as long as you're open-minded about variations in individual cases. (I was amazed when I finally got around to reading it, and found I fit OK into Type V? WOO-HOO! I'm a "True

Transsexual!")

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Sarah Roberta Wilson Refresh. F5

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Zoe Ellen Brain OK, FWIW... during transition I was re-diagnosed from "undervirilised male" to "severely androgenised woman" as the result of various tests, and the obvious pubescent changes before HRT.

So some could say I'm biologically female, always have been, as opposed to trans. Others would disagree. I just put myself in the "really Intersex female" category, or more accurately, the "Zoe Brain" category. Certainly less feminine in many ways than many of the more usual Transsexual, and even some Transgender, women.

Whatever. I'm me.

I didn't want to be a girl when I was young. Looking at that diagnostic list for "Gender Dysphoria in childhood", I fitted only two of the criteria. But it's not about who you want to be, but who you are.

"Gender Dysphoria in adolescence or adulthood" - almost the full house.

The first time I wore any item of female attire was 4 weeks before I went fulltime. Because I thought I'd better start learning to.

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James Dugan Seems like so few of us take the same bus to get here.



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Bonze AnneRose Blayk -

"I Think We're All Bozos On This Bus!" - lol (NB: obscure Firesign Theater reference.-)

"You're either on the bus, or you're off the bus!" - Merry Pranksters slogan

"I'm pedestrian." - bonze anne blayk

... as an individualist, I have no problem with people taking different paths to wherever it is they want to go... as long as it does not involve unnecessary mayhem along the way?

Zoe Ellen Brain - I definitely identify you as belonging to the

— "Zoe Ellen Brain - Accept no substitutes!"

category. 😊

I'm kinda-sorta "different in the same way, that is, just different?", a la mode bonze anne blayk...

I find the question of "How did I get this way? And how did it work for others who are (kind of) like me?" fascinating... but it's not the crucial issue?

Quinnae Moongazer - THE NUCLEAR UNICORN -

"The critical moral argument that we must never lose sight of is whether it is okay to discriminate against someone because there isn't a biological explanation for their existence. For most any situation, the answer is a resounding "no" among decent people. We do not say that people of faith bring discrimination upon themselves because they 'chose' to be a part of a given religion, and when people do say this, they are rightly derided for being assholes. We do not get sidetracked into asinine arguments about how some people are born Jewish and have Jew brains and, y'know, they just can't help it and that's why we should be 'tolerant.'

No, actually. You should avoid bigotry because it's simply the right thing to do.

...

I do not have a female brain so much as I have a Quinnae brain, a lovely grey mattered lump of brainy loveliness shaped by my unique experiences, learning, and an ongoing dynamic life that alters those meandering curves with each passing day."

I love Zoe and admire her greatly... I adore Quinnae/Katherine. Just adore,

because she's one of the most passionate and at the same time lucid thinkers I have ever had the pleasure of reading.

<http://quinnae.com/2011/01/27/raiders-of-the-lost-etiology/>

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James Dugan .." I find the question of "How did I get this way? And how did it work for others who are (kind of) like me?" fascinating... but it's not the crucial issue? " ..

True, the journey's taking more and more time - and the anxiety I initially felt is less and less....


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Sarah Roberta Wilson Zoe, take comfort that you're not the only one.

Then again though there are many amazing parallels, for each individual person it's still YTMV. At the end of the day, you're still you. And that's an awesome thing.

GURU. Gee, yoU aRe yoU!

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Bonze AnneRose Blayk -

However it may stand with others, under the watchful eye of 'Q' here... we have a

BINGO!

Jehovahs-Witness.com - "Porneia in marriage - a changing view" - 1983 - It's not for elders to 'police' the private marital matters of couples! - "Any fool could diagnose this pervert!" - Autogynephilia FTW! - Screen Shot 2015-05-06 at 11.14.46 AM.png



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Bonze AnneRose Blayk -

The purport?

For the prospective male candidate for Gender Confirmation Surgery who is "past the age of reason" before they express the desire to live as a woman, and thus challenged to pass muster as an obsessively feminine person... assume you are a candidate presenting with extreme "Transvestic Fetishism":

"habitual fetishistic transvestism developing into autogynephilia (i.e., sexual arousal associated with the thought or image of oneself as a woman)" - and

YOU'RE IN

"Not so good for you perhaps, but potentially all gravy for me!"

That's the sole category clearly identified as a marker of "late-onset transsexualism." Otherwise you are presenting with "problems" which are indistinct from problems of life in general for most people?

thanks,

- [Bonze AnneRose Blayk](#)

PS: What I am reminded of here is Charlotte Goiar - mildly famous for her assertions that "Harry Benjamin Syndrome" is THE valid form of transsexualism? - claiming that loving shopping for clothing is an essential attribute of any genuinely transed female.

... I may be mistake about attributing that to her, but that's the kind of claim the proponents of HBS like to claim.

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