

American Constitutional Law 2003

Unveiling the Energy of Verbal Art: An Mental Sojourn through **American Constitutional Law 2003**

In some sort of inundated with displays and the cacophony of immediate connection, the profound energy and emotional resonance of verbal beauty often fade in to obscurity, eclipsed by the constant assault of sound and distractions. However, nestled within the lyrical pages of **American Constitutional Law 2003**, a charming work of fictional splendor that pulses with fresh feelings, lies an unforgettable journey waiting to be embarked upon. Composed by a virtuoso wordsmith, this exciting opus courses viewers on an emotional odyssey, gently revealing the latent potential and profound impact stuck within the complicated internet of language. Within the heart-wrenching expanse of this evocative evaluation, we shall embark upon an introspective exploration of the book is main themes, dissect its fascinating publishing design, and immerse ourselves in the indelible effect it leaves upon the depths of readers souls.

Constitutions in Authoritarian Regimes Tom Ginsburg 2014 This volume explores the form and function of constitutions in countries

without the fully articulated institutions of limited government.

United States Versus American Library Association, Inc. (2003) United States.

Supreme Court 2004

2003 Supplement to Constitutional Law, the American Constitution, Constitutional Rights and Liberties Jesse H. Choper 2003

We the Students Jamin B. Raskin 2014-07-03 We the Students is a highly acclaimed resource that has introduced thousands of students to the field of legal studies by covering Supreme Court issues that directly affect them. It examines topics such as students' access to judicial process; religion in schools; school discipline and punishment; and safety, discrimination and privacy at school. Through meaningful and engagingly written commentary, excerpts of Supreme Court cases (with students as the litigants), and exercises and class projects, author Jamie B. Raskin provides students with the tools they need to gain a deeper appreciation of democratic freedoms and challenges, and underscores their responsibility in preserving constitutional principles. Completely revised and updated, the new, Fourth Edition of We the

Students incorporates new Supreme Court cases, new examples, and new exercises to bring constitutional issues to life.

American Constitutional Law Calvin R. Massey 2003-06-01 Calvin R. Massey's popular American Constitutional Law: Powers and Liberties casebook is strengthened and enhanced by this thorough 2003 Case Supplement which covers the latest developments and the most recent Supreme Court decisions.

Due Process of Law John V. Orth 2003 Mindful of the English background and of constitutional developments in the several states, Orth in a succinct and readable narrative traces the history of due process, from its origins in medieval England to its applications in the latest cases. Departing from the usual approach to American constitutional law, Orth places the history of due process in the larger context of the common law. To a degree not always appreciated today, constitutional law advances in the same case-by-case manner as other legal

rules. In that light, Orth concentrates on the general maxims or paradigms that guided the judges in their decisions of specific cases. Uncovering the links between one case and another, Orth describes how a commitment to fair procedures made way for an emphasis on the protection of property rights, which in turn led to a heightened sensitivity to individual rights in general.

Cosmic Constitutional Theory J. Harvie Wilkinson III 2012-03-09 American constitutional law has undergone a transformation. Issues once left to the people have increasingly become the province of the courts. Subjects as diverse as abortion rights and firearms regulations, health care reform and counterterrorism efforts, not to mention a millennial presidential election, are more and more the domain of judges. What sparked this development? In this engaging volume, Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson argues that America's most brilliant legal minds have launched a set of cosmic constitutional theories

that, for all their value, are undermining self-governance. Thinkers as diverse as Justices William Brennan and Antonin Scalia, Professor John Hart Ely, Judges Robert Bork and Richard Posner, have all produced seminal interpretations of our Founding document, but ones that promise to imbue courts with unprecedented powers. While crediting the theorists for the sparkling quality of their thoughts, Judge Wilkinson argues they will slowly erode the role of representative institutions in America and leave our children bereft of democratic liberty. The loser in all the theoretical fireworks is the old and honorable tradition of judicial restraint. The judicial modesty once practiced by Learned Hand, John Harlan, and Oliver Wendell Holmes has given way to competing schools of liberal and conservative activism seeking sanctuary in Living Constitutionalism, Originalism, Process Theory, or the supposedly anti-theoretical creed of Pragmatism. Each of these seemingly

disparate theories promises their followers an intellectually respectable route to congenial political outcomes from the bench. Judge Wilkinson calls for a plainer, simpler, self-disciplined commitment to judicial restraint and democratic governance, a course that alas may be impossible so long as the cosmic constitutionalists so dominate contemporary legal thought.

2003 supplement to modern constitutional law Ronald D. Rotunda 2003-08

Constitutional Rights in Two Worlds Mark S. Kende 2009-03-02 This book examines the South African Constitutional Court to determine how it has functioned during the nation's transition.

The Constitution of the United States of America Mark Tushnet 2015-08-27 This is the second edition of Professor Tushnet's short critical introduction to the history and current meaning of the United States' Constitution. It is organised around two themes: first, the US Constitution is old, short, and difficult to amend. Second, the

Constitution creates a structure of political opportunities that allows political actors, including political parties, to pursue the preferred policy goals even to the point of altering the very structure of politics. Deploying these themes to examine the structure of the national government, federalism, judicial review, and individual rights, the book provides basic information about, and deeper insights into, the way the US constitutional system has developed and what it means today.

Constitutional Law for a Changing America Lee Epstein 2003

The New Constitutional Order Mark Tushnet 2009-02-09 In his 1996 State of the Union Address, President Bill Clinton announced that the "age of big government is over." Some Republicans accused him of cynically appropriating their themes, while many Democrats thought he was betraying the principles of the New Deal and the Great Society. Mark Tushnet argues that Clinton was

stating an observed fact: the emergence of a new constitutional order in which the aspiration to achieve justice directly through law has been substantially chastened. Tushnet argues that the constitutional arrangements that prevailed in the United States from the 1930s to the 1990s have ended. We are now in a new constitutional order--one characterized by divided government, ideologically organized parties, and subdued constitutional ambition. Contrary to arguments that describe a threatened return to a pre-New Deal constitutional order, however, this book presents evidence that our current regime's animating principle is not the old belief that government cannot solve any problems but rather that government cannot solve any more problems. Tushnet examines the institutional arrangements that support the new constitutional order as well as Supreme Court decisions that reflect it. He also considers recent developments in constitutional scholarship, focusing on the idea of minimalism as

appropriate to a regime with chastened ambitions. Tushnet discusses what we know so far about the impact of globalization on domestic constitutional law, particularly in the areas of international human rights and federalism. He concludes with predictions about the type of regulation we can expect from the new order. This is a major new analysis of the constitutional arrangements in the United States. Though it will not be received without controversy, it offers real explanatory and predictive power and provides important insights to both legal theorists and political scientists.

Amending America: If We Love the Constitution So Much, Why Do We Keep Trying to Change It?
Richard B. Bernstein 2022-09-25 The story of how the Constitution has been reshaped over the past 200 years to meet America's changing needs. Since 1789, 27 amendments were adopted — creating the Bill of Rights, banning liquor, protecting the right to vote and reworking how we choose presidents and

senators — and more than 10,000 failed. Proposed amendments tried to stave off the Civil War and then wrote its results into the Constitution. “[A] thoughtful history of the Amendments to the Constitution... An excellent delineation of issues debated by modern constitutional scholars.” — Kirkus “[A] sober, straightforward history of the process of amending the Constitution” — Publishers Weekly “[A] comprehensive and engaging study of Article V’s procedures for amending the constitution.” — Washington Post “The authors capture the essence of the importance of the amending process in a highly readable, gracefully written book... This book, which discusses knotty legal and constitutional issues without stuffiness and in plain language, should be easy reading for students and laypersons.” — The Journal of American History “[A] readable, intelligently organized, and well-informed history of how and why the Constitution has been amended.” — The Historian “[S]cholarly

and readable.” — Human Rights “Bernstein’s work is engaging and stimulating... he is to be commended for explaining so carefully just how complex a set of questions and problems cluster around Article 5.” — The American Historical Review “Well written... this volume fills an important gap in the current literature and is likely to be the standard account of amending history for some time to come.” — The American Journal of Legal History “[A] masterful book, daring in its scope and impeccable in its execution. Amending America is a great work of scholarship that does justice to the United States Constitution as a living and evolving document. It is a tribute to the working of American democracy, and contributes to our understanding of its evolution and its unfinished agenda.” — Vartan Gregorian, President, Brown University “A magnificent treasure trove of American history, which brings to life why our Constitution has remained a ‘living document’ for over two centuries. Amending America is a

wonderful book for anyone interested in our country.” — Arthur R. Miller, Bruce Bromley Professor of Law, Harvard Law School
“Amending America is invaluable for just about anybody seeking to understand the contradictions of our approach to constitutional government. With grace, insight, and considerable information, Bernstein and Agel have written what should be the standard work for a long time to come.” — Herbert S. Parmet, Distinguished Professor of History, City University of New York, author of *Richard Nixon and His America* “Amending America admirably illuminates the complex and remarkable history of the American people’s repeated attempts to amend the Constitution, and captures that history’s enduring significance. Written with scholarship, clarity, and grace, this book recovers a previously neglected dimension of American constitutional history.” — William E. Nelson, Professor of Law, New York University, author of *The Fourteenth Amendment: From*

Political Principle to Judicial Doctrine
“Instructive and fascinating. The book is thorough, erudite, and packed with the anecdotes that make our political past so enjoyable to review.” — Minneapolis Star Tribune “An intelligent, carefully researched, and highly readable account.” — Detroit News
Constitutionalism, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law in Iraq United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Foreign Relations. Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs 2003

2003 Supplement to Cases and Materials on Constitutional Law Daniel A. Farber
2003-08-01

The New Fourth Branch Mark Tushnet
2021-09-02 Analyses why constitution-designers have come to establish institutions protecting constitutional democracy in modern constitutions.

Enhancing Government Erwin Chemerinsky
2008-05-22 Federalism—the division of power

between national and state governments—has been a divisive issue throughout American history. Conservatives argued in support of federalism and states' rights to oppose the end of slavery, the New Deal, and desegregation. In the 1990s, the Rehnquist Court used federalism to strike down numerous laws of public good, including federal statutes requiring the clean up of nuclear waste and background checks for gun ownership. Now the Roberts Court appears poised to use federalism and states' rights to limit federal power even further. In this book, Erwin Chemerinsky passionately argues for a different vision: federalism as empowerment. He analyzes and criticizes the Supreme Court's recent conservative trend, and lays out his own challenge to the Court to approach their decisions with the aim of advancing liberty and enhancing effective governance. While the traditional approach has been about limiting federal power, an alternative conception would empower every level of government to deal with

social problems. In Chemerinsky's view, federal power should address national problems like environmental protection and violations of civil rights, while state power can be strengthened in areas such as consumer privacy and employee protection. The challenge for the 21st century is to reinvent American government so that it can effectively deal with enduring social ills and growing threats to personal freedom and civil liberties. Increasing the chains on government—as the Court and Congress are now doing in the name of federalism—is exactly the wrong way to enter the new century. But, an empowered federalism, as Chemerinsky shows, will profoundly alter the capabilities and promise of U.S. government and society.

A Brilliant Solution Carol Berkin 2002 Revisiting all the original documents and using her deep knowledge of eighteenth-century history and politics, Carol Berkin takes a fresh look at the men who framed the Constitution, the issues they faced, and the times they lived in. Berkin

transports the reader into the hearts and minds of the founders, exposing their fears and their limited expectations of success.

Landmark Briefs and Arguments of the Supreme Court of the United States Gerhard Casper 2004

Proportionality Vicki C. Jackson 2017-09-21

This book presents important new scholarship by leading figures in constitutional law on new challenges for proportionality doctrine.

The Identity of the Constitutional Subject

Michel Rosenfeld 2009-10-16 The last fifty years has seen a worldwide trend toward constitutional democracy. But can constitutionalism become truly global? Relying on historical examples of successfully implanted constitutional regimes, ranging from the older experiences in the United States and France to the relatively recent ones in Germany, Spain and South Africa, Michel Rosenfeld sheds light on the range of conditions necessary for the emergence, continuity and adaptability of a viable constitutional identity - citizenship,

nationalism, multiculturalism, and human rights being important elements. The Identity of the Constitutional Subject is the first systematic analysis of the concept, drawing on philosophy, psychoanalysis, political theory and law from a comparative perspective to explore the relationship between the ideal of constitutionalism and the need to construct a common constitutional identity that is distinct from national, cultural, ethnic or religious identity. The Identity of the Constitutional Subject will be of interest to students and scholars in law, legal and political philosophy, political science, multicultural studies, international relations and US politics.

American Constitutional Law, Volume II

Ralph A. Rossum 2018-05-15 This book examines how the Constitution and its amendments not only grant the national and state governments sufficient power to control the governed but also oblige these governments to control themselves. It considers the distribution of power in the

national government.

Fundamental Rights Milton R Konvitz

2011-12-31 One of the most important modern developments in American constitutional law has been the extension of the Bill of Rights to the states. The most important guarantees of the first eight amendments have been incorporated into the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, along with the doctrine that these are rights that are so "fundamental" that any restriction is subject to judicial "strict scrutiny." The process has nationalized fundamental rights, giving them a preferred dignity and majesty. In this volume, the renowned constitutional scholar, Milton Konvitz, traces the development of fundamental rights from the early days of American jurisprudence through twentieth-century cases involving the right to privacy, racial discrimination, voting rights, censorship, and abortion laws. In Konvitz's astute view, the Bill of Rights in the Constitution of the United States, like the Ten Commandments, places no

priority among protected or guaranteed rights. He argues that values, ideals, rights, liberties, and privileges need to be placed in a hierarchical order or scale. The Supreme Court, acting on a case-by-case basis, has slowly and cautiously moved to designate some rights as superior to others. This idea that some rights are of a "fundamental" nature, while others are not, can be traced back to the early days of the nation's government. Konvitz shows that there may be said to be not one, but two or even three bills of rights, one for the Federal government and one for the States. Still another, may be an unwritten but evolving Bill of Rights. The Court has recognized rights or liberties that are in no written constitution, as for example, a right to marry, a right to have a family, a right to choose education of one's children in a private, even a religious, school, rather than a public school. In an illuminating fashion, Konvitz, whose writings have been cited in Supreme Court decisions, traces the controversial and very uneven line of

development of such "fundamental rights." This volume is likely the first book on the subject and a pioneering work in the history of American constitutional law. Accessibly written for a general and scholarly audience, it will be of particular interest to political scientists, historians, and constitutional scholars.

Cato Supreme Court Review 2003-2004

Mark K. Moller 2004 A timely review of the Court's recent decisions.

Saving Our Children from the First

Amendment Kevin W. Saunders 2006-03-01 The First Amendment is vital to our political system, our cultural institutions, and our routine social interactions with others. In this provocative book, Kevin Saunders asserts that freedom of expression can be very harmful to our children, making it more likely that they will be the perpetrators or victims of violence, will grow up as racists, or will use alcohol or tobacco. Saving Our Children from the First Amendment examines both the value and cost of free

expression in America, demonstrating how an unregulated flow of information can be detrimental to youth. While the great value of the First Amendment is found in its protection of our most important political freedoms, this is far more significant for adults, who can fully grasp and benefit from the freedom of expression, than for children. Constitutional prohibitions on distributing sexual materials to children, Saunders proposes, should be expanded to include violent, vulgar, or profane materials, as well as music that contains hate speech. Saunders offers an insightful meditation on the problem of protecting our children from the negative effects of freedom of expression without curtailing First Amendment rights for adults.

Bills of Rights Mark Tushnet 2017-07-05 This collection examines the justifications for using bills of rights to protect fundamental human rights and the mechanisms for enforcing provisions in those documents. Articles deal with

different forms of judicial enforcement and with legislative enforcement, of rights protected by such documents. The collection includes a road-map for evaluating the effectiveness of these alternative enforcement mechanisms.

The Practice of American Constitutional

Law H. Jefferson Powell 2022-05-05 Americans often think about constitutional law in terms of high-profile decisions by the Supreme Court - decisions that divide the justices by ideology, not law. This focus often leads to the erroneous conclusion that constitutional law arguments are, and can only be, political in substance. In *The Practice of American Constitutional Law*, H. Jefferson Powell demonstrates that there is a longstanding, shared practice of constructing and evaluating constitutional law claims that transcends current political disagreements. Powell describes how lawyers and judges identify constitutional problems by using a specifiable method of inquiry that enables them to agree on what the questions are, and thus

what any plausible answer must address, even when disagreement over the most persuasive answers remains. Rather than being simply politics by other means, constitutional law is the successful practice of giving substance to the Constitution as supreme law.

The United States of America James Brown Scott 2002 Scott, James Brown. *The United States of America: A Study in International Organization*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1920. xix, 605 pp. Reprinted 2003 by The Lawbook Exchange, Ltd. LCCN 00-067016. ISBN 1-58477-171-2. Cloth. \$120. * With an extensive appendix of source readings. Scott [1866-1943] presents a detailed and comprehensively documented history of the American Constitution from its roots in the Mayflower Compact and other colonial associations through the Eighteenth Amendment. It can be read in this regard as a survey history. His study is especially interesting, however, as a political document written to address the effects of the

First World War. Scott wrote this book for a European audience, hoping that his analysis of the Constitution would influence the creation of an international organization of states governed by a "Court of Nations" modeled on the American Supreme Court. As such, he emphasizes the Constitution's role as an agent of peace and cooperation among different political units. Scott's ideas were later reflected in the establishment of the International Court of Justice, the League of Nations and the United Nations.

Summaries of Leading Cases on the

Constitution Joseph Francis Menez 2004 This landmark book has long been the gold standard of concise summaries of important U.S. Supreme Court cases in U.S. constitutional law from the establishing of the Court to the present. For the 50th Anniversary Edition, the book has been thoroughly revised, reorganized, and updated through the end of the 2002-2003 term.

Saving the Constitution from Lawyers Robert J.

Spitzer 2008-04-07 This book is a sweeping indictment of the legal profession in the realm of constitutional interpretation. The adversarial, advocacy-based American legal system is well suited to American justice, in which one-sided arguments collide to produce a just outcome. But when applied to constitutional theorizing, the result is selective analysis, overheated rhetoric, distorted facts, and overstated conclusions. Such wayward theorizing finds its way into print in the nation's over 600 law journals - professional publications run by law students, not faculty or other professionals - and peer review is almost never used to evaluate worthiness. The consequences of this system are examined through three timely cases: the presidential veto, the "unitary theory" of the president's commander-in-chief power, and the Second Amendment's "right to bear arms." In each case, law reviews were the breeding ground for defective theories that won false legitimacy and political currency. This book

concludes with recommendations for reform.

A Year at the Supreme Court Neal Devins
2004-10-13 DIVProfiles a watershed year
(2002-2003) in the life of the U.S. Supreme
Court, with contributions by journalists and
Court advocates that discuss critical rulings on
gay rights, affirmative action, hate speech,
federal-state relations, and criminal law./div

How Democratic Is the American Constitution?
Robert A. Dahl 2003-11-10 In this provocative
book, one of our most eminent political scientists
questions the extent to which the American
Constitution furthers democratic goals. Robert
Dahl reveals the Constitution's potentially
antidemocratic elements and explains why they
are there, compares the American constitutional
system to other democratic systems, and
explores how we might alter our political system
to achieve greater equality among citizens. In a
new chapter for this second edition, he shows
how increasing differences in state populations
revealed by the Census of 2000 have further

increased the veto power over constitutional
amendments held by a tiny minority of
Americans. He then explores the prospects for
changing some important political practices that
are not prescribed by the written Constitution,
though most Americans may assume them to be
so.

Constitutional Law Geoffrey R. Stone 2003
This timely Case Supplement adds currency and
depth To The balanced presentation of doctrine
and practice that has earned Constitutional Law,
Fourth Edition by Stone, Seidman, Sunstein, and
Tushnet its leading position in the field. This
2003 Supplement integrates coverage of cases
For The 2002-2003 Supreme Court term.

2003 supplement to American constitutional law
Charles A. Shanor 2003-07-01

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2003 Supplement, Constitutional Law, Fourteenth Edition Kathleen M. Sullivan 2003
State Constitutional Law Jeffrey Sutton
2022-11-24 In the fourth edition of State

Constitutional Law: The Modern Experience, the authors present cases, articles, and other materials about our intensely democratic, ever evolving, and increasingly salient state charters of government. This edition contains two new chapters, one on Representation and Voting, and one on Local Governments. Ever since the U.S. Supreme Court decided in *Rucho v. Common Cause* (2019) that the Fourteenth Amendment does not apply to challenges to gerrymandered voting districts, the States have become the focus of reform efforts in this area and with respect to many other voting issues. In the short time since *Rucho*, the States have seen plenty of state court debates about the meaning of a wide variety of state constitutional guarantees, generating a rich set of decisions about these vexing issues. Much of American government turns on what should be national and what should be local. The local side of the equation includes not just state governments but cities, counties, and townships too. In America circa

2023, these truly local governments have become a third source of governmental innovation, a form of federalism within federalism, and a bountiful source of debates about the meaning of Home Rule guarantees in most state constitutions. The casebook starts by placing state constitutions in context--in the context of a federal system that leaves some powers exclusively with the States, delegates some powers exclusively to the Federal Government, and permits overlapping authority by both sovereigns in many areas. The resulting combination of state and federal charters--what should be called American Constitutional Law--presents fruitful opportunities for give and take, for exporting and importing constitutional insights between our different sovereigns. The casebook often addresses the point by explaining how the U.S. Constitution deals with an issue before discussing how the state constitutions handle an identical or similar issue. At other times, the casebook explains how the state

constitutions contain provisions that have no parallel in the U.S. Constitution. A central theme of the book, explored in the context of a variety of constitutional guarantees, is that state constitutions provide a bountiful source of rights independent of the federal constitution--and a potential source of data before the U.S. Supreme Court decides to nationalize or denationalize a right under the U.S. Constitution. Considerable space also is devoted to the reasons why a state court might construe the liberty and property rights found in its state's constitutions more or less broadly than comparable rights found in the U.S. Constitution. Among the reasons considered: differences in the text and history of the state and federal guarantees, the smaller scope of the state courts' jurisdiction, state constitutional history, unique state traditions and customs, elections of state court judges (and the possibility that this makes them less likely to "lockstep" with their federal brothers and sisters), and disagreement with the U.S.

Supreme Court's interpretation of similar language, whether due to push back with respect a federal doctrine in a given area (say tiers of review) or push back with respect to a method of interpretation used by the federal court in a given area (say originalism or living constitutionalism). State constitutional law, like its federal counterpart, is not confined to individual rights. Structure matters too--often more so. The casebook explores the organization and structure of state and local governments, the methods of choosing state judges, the many executive-branch powers found in state constitutions but not in their federal counterpart, the plural election of many state executive officials, the ease with which the people may amend their state constitutions, and other topics, such as taxation, public finance and school funding. Bringing a lot of these topics together is a chapter on Administrative Law, where the comparison between federal and state law is striking. In many ways, the state courts

have been the leaders in dealing with difficult issues related to the delegation of legislative powers (or not) and deference to administrative agencies (or not). A new chapter on Local Governments opens a fresh vista on divisions of powers with its focus on the meaning of the Home Rule guarantees found in most state constitutions. The casebook is not parochial. It looks at these issues through the lens of important state court decisions from nearly every one of our 50 States. In that sense, it is designed for a survey course, one that does not purport to cover any one State's constitution in detail but that considers the kinds of provisions found in many state charters. That said, an invigorating exercise is to spend the first ten minutes of each class devoted to reports from individual students about potentially useful or exotic provisions found in the constitution of their home State or a State of interest. Like a traditional contracts, real property, or torts textbook, the casebook uses the most interesting

state court decisions from around the country to illustrate the astonishing array of state constitutional issues at play in American Constitutional Law. It is difficult to overstate the growing significance of state constitutional law. Many of the ground-breaking constitutional debates of the day are being aired in the state courts under their own constitutions--often as a prelude to debates about whether to nationalize this or that right under the National Constitution. To use a recent example, it is doubtful that there would have been a national right to marriage equality in 2015, see *Obergefell v. Hodges*, without the establishment of a Massachusetts right to marry in 2003, see *Goodridge v. Department of Public Health*. The same is true in other areas of constitutional litigation, whether it is gerrymandering, right to bear arms, capital punishment, property, licensing, school funding, or free exercise claims. More recently, the U.S. Supreme Court's 2022 decision to overrule *Roe* and *Casey* in

Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization placed a spotlight on the States when it comes to legislative or constitutional protections related to abortion. Before and after *Dobbs*, some States have sought to amend their constitutions to protect abortion rights, and others have responded with state court decisions in the area, some recognizing such rights under state due process and right to privacy provisions, others rejecting such claims. In these areas, and many more, the state courts often have been the first responders and the key innovators, invoking their own constitutions to address pressing individual rights and structural debates. The mission of the casebook is to introduce students to this increasingly significant body of American law and to prepare them to be fully equipped, as opposed to half equipped, to represent clients involved in constitutional cases of the twenty-first century.

Supreme Court Watch 2003 David M. O'Brien
2003-01

Flagrant Conduct: The Story of Lawrence v. Texas Dale Carpenter 2012-03-12 "A highly informative, detailed, even thrilling account of how the Supreme Court arguments reshaped American law."—Michael Bronski, San Francisco Chronicle No one could have predicted that the night of September 17, 1998, would be anything but routine in Houston, Texas. Even the call to police that a black man was "going crazy with a gun" was hardly unusual in this urban setting. Nobody could have imagined that the arrest of two men for a minor criminal offense would reverberate in American constitutional law, exposing a deep malignity in our judicial system and challenging the traditional conception of what makes a family. Indeed, when Harris County sheriff's deputies entered the second-floor apartment, there was no gun. Instead, they reported that they had walked in on John Lawrence and Tyron Garner having sex in Lawrence's bedroom. So begins Dale Carpenter's "gripping and brilliantly

researched" *Flagrant Conduct*, a work nine years in the making that transforms our understanding of what we thought we knew about *Lawrence v. Texas*, the landmark Supreme Court decision of 2003 that invalidated America's sodomy laws. Drawing on dozens of interviews, Carpenter has taken on the "gargantuan" task of extracting the truth about the case, analyzing the claims of virtually every person involved. Carpenter first introduces us to the interracial defendants themselves, who were hardly prepared "for the strike of lightning" that would upend their lives, and then to the Harris County arresting officers, including a sheriff's deputy who claimed he had "looked eye to eye" in the faces of the men as they allegedly fornicated. Carpenter skillfully navigates Houston's complex gay world of the late 1990s, where a group of activists and court officers, some of them closeted themselves, refused to bury what initially seemed to be a minor arrest. The author charts not only the careful legal

strategy that Lambda Legal attorneys adopted to make the case compatible to a conservative Supreme Court but also the miscalculations of the Houston prosecutors who assumed that the nation's extant sodomy laws would be upheld. Masterfully reenacting the arguments that riveted spectators and Justices alike in 2003, *Flagrant Conduct* then reaches a point where legal history becomes literature, animating a Supreme Court decision as few writers have done. In situating *Lawrence v. Texas* within the larger framework of America's four-century persecution of gay men and lesbians, *Flagrant Conduct* compellingly demonstrates that gay history is an integral part of our national civil rights story.

2003 to the American First Amendment in the Twenty-First Century William W. Van Alstyne 2003-08

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