Constitutional Law (LAW 5501)

Section 3

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TuWTh HH 382

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***Course website:***Please sign on as soon as possible to the course website on TWEN to access class materials and to receive emails.

Every student can expect to be called on to begin the discussion for 2 cases during the course of the semester. Sign up sheets for cases will be available in class during the first week; please sign up for one case in weeks 2-5, and a second case in weeks 6-13. The first case for which you signup will in most instances be led off by two students; the second case will each be done by one student.

**Course materials**: Erwin Chemerinsky, Constitutional Law (5th edition 2017); any supplemental cases will be posted on TWEN under Course Materials.

**Assignment:**

WEEK ONE: January 14, 15, 16

I.             Introduction: The Constitution and Constitutional Interpretation

First class: Chemerinsky, xli-lvii The Constitution (We will discuss the structure and content of the Constitution)

Second and third classes: *United States v. Nixon*, 418 U.S. 683 (1974) full case, available on TWEN (I suggest that you print the case so that you can annotate as well as brief). Read and brief the **entire** case, but particularly pay attention to Part IV The Claim of Privilege.

In our third class, we will also discuss the current members of the US Supreme Court. You will be assigned a particular justice in the first class together with other members of the class, to research relevant information about the justice, and report back collectively to the class.

**If you would like to volunteer to present this case please email me; I will take up to 4 students on this case.**