

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW
SPRING 2024 PROFESSOR NANCY DOWD

Required text: Erwin Chemerinsky, **Constitutional Law, 7th Edition** (Aspen Publishing 2024)

Week 1—January 16, 17, 18 **I. Introduction: The Constitution and Constitutional Interpretation;**
II. Federal Judicial Power; III. Federal Legislative Power

xxxvii-1 (The Constitution)

United States v Nixon, 418 U.S. 683 (1974) (read the FULL case)

1-12 (Marbury v Madison)

99-108 (McCulloch v Maryland)

Daily assignments:

January 16: read the Constitution and be prepared to discuss

Read United States v. Nixon, 418 U.S. 683 (1974). You can find the full case on the SCOTUS website or various other websites that reproduce the full, official opinion. We will read and discuss this case as an example of the analysis that we will engage in throughout the class. I suggest that you download, print and annotate the case as well as brief the case. We are reading the full case so that you have an example of a full case read (and you may decide throughout the semester whether you want to have a look at a full case with respect to specific cases).

January 17: continue discussion of US v Nixon

Chemerinsky, 1-12. Marbury v Madison

January 18: continue discussion of Marbury v Madison

Chemerinsky, 99-108. McCulloch v Maryland

SIGN UP FOR CASES: I will distribute case lists so that you can sign up for cases (see the syllabus) during our first week. **Everyone will read US v Nixon. If you would like to volunteer for either of the other two cases in our first week, please email me, dowd@law.ufl.edu**