

## CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II

Professor Stacey Sobel  
Spring Semester 2014

### **Course Information – Section 202 A**

Meeting times: Tuesday and Thursday, 10:45 – 12:15

Online: via TWEN (TWEN registration is MANDATORY)

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Office hours: Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00; Thursday, 1:00 to 4:00; or by appointment. I may schedule additional office hours at particular times during the semester. You will be notified in class and/or via TWEN of when those hours will occur. Meetings during office hours should be scheduled in the book maintained by the faculty staff assistant on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. If you cannot make an appointment during regular office hours, please email me to schedule a meeting. Meetings should be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance. If they are made less than 24 hours in advance, I may make alternative plans and might not be available to meet. If you need to cancel a meeting or if you will be late, please contact me.

**Required Text** – Chemerinsky, *Constitutional Law* (4th ed. 2013)

Online reading material as assigned (via TWEN)

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I do not recommend commercial briefs and they are not permitted in class.

**Reading and Class Participation** – Students are expected to complete the assigned reading prior to class. All students are expected to engage in class discussion. Participation is key to making this class enjoyable, so I expect everyone to be prepared to intelligently discuss and critically evaluate that day's assignment in class. In particular, be prepared to discuss the pertinent facts, issues, law and court findings and rulings of each case. I use a combination of cold-calling and volunteers for class discussion. For volunteer participation, I value quality over quantity, but being an active participant is important. All views are welcomed. A consistent lack of preparation may result in a grade reduction of up to .3 (e.g., from 3.3 to 3.0) on a student's course grade. Exemplary performance may result in a grade increase of .1 (e.g., from 3.0 to a 3.1) on a student's course grade.

**Attendance** – The WSU policy on required attendance at all classes will be followed: attendance under 85% of scheduled classes during a semester will result in a failing grade absent extenuating circumstances. Students who are late may be considered absent at the discretion of the professor. Students who know that they will be late or absent should email me prior to class if possible.

**Examinations and Grading** – The course grade is based on one mid-term and a final exam. The mid-term will be an essay exam and will comprise 20% of your grade. The mid-term will cover the assigned readings from the beginning of the semester until the mid-term. The final examination will count 80% of your grade and cover all materials for the semester. The final exam will contain both essay and multiple-choice questions. There may be occasional on-line quizzes for pass-fail credit. Failure to complete or pass a quiz may result in a grade reduction of up to .3.

**Ethics** – Ethics are an important part of the practice of law. All students should be familiar with WSU's Honor Code. Any violation of law school rules and regulations relating to cheating, plagiarism, or other ethical matters address in the Honor Code will be vigorously enforced.

## COURSE READING

January 14: 933-946, 955-967

January 16: 967-1000

January 21: 1000-1030

January 23: 1030-1058

January 28: 1069-1094

January 30: 1119-1142

February 4: 1142-1171

February 6: 1171-1196

February 11: 1197-1199, 1206-1213, 1222-1238

February 13: 1238-1255, 1263-1273

February 18: No Class

February 20: 1273-1274, 1277-1279, 1285-1290, 1304-1313

February 25: 1325-1253

February 27: Practice Exam and Review

March 4: Mid-term

March 6: 1365-1387

March 11 - 13: No Class Spring Break

March 18: 1387-1410

March 20: 1412-1441, 1445-1450

March 25: 1450-1457, 1489-1509, 1515-1536

March 27: 1545-1563

April 1: 1563-1582

April 3: 1590-1616

April 8: 1616-1637, 1673-1683

April 10: 1683-1708

April 15: No Class

April 17: 1708-1730

April 22: 1730-1760

April 24: 1761-1787

April 29: Review

Final Exam May 8