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DELEGATION OF LEGISLATIVE POWER

The Effective Demise of the Nondelegation Doctrine

The infirm state of the nondelegation doctrine was demonstrated further in Loving v. United States. Article 118 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) provides for the death penalty for premeditated murder and felony murder for persons subject to the Act, but the statute does not comport with the Court's capital punishment jurisprudence, which requires the death sentence to be cabined by standards so that the sentencing authority is constrained to narrow the class of convicted persons to be so sentenced and to justify the individual imposition of the sentence. However, the President in 1984 had promulgated standards that purported to supply the constitutional validity the UCMJ needed.

The Court held that Congress could delegate to the President the authority to prescribe standards for the imposition of the death penalty—Congress' power under Article I, § 8, cl. 14, is not exclusive—and that Congress had done so in the UCMJ by providing that the punishment imposed by a court-martial may not exceed "such limits as the President may prescribe." Acknowledging that a delegation must contain some "intelligible principle" to guide the recipient of the delegation, the Court nonetheless held this not to be true when the delegation was made to the President in his role as Commander-in-Chief. "The same limitations on delegation do not apply" if the entity authorized to exercise delegated authority itself possesses independent authority over the subject matter. The President's responsibilities as Commander-in-Chief require him to superintend the military, including the courts-martial, and thus the delegated duty is interlinked with duties already assigned the President by the Constitution.

In the course of the opinion, the Court distinguished between its usual separation-of-powers doctrine—emphasizing arrogation of...
power by a branch and impairment of another branch’s ability to carry out its functions—and the delegation doctrine, “another branch of our separation of powers jurisdiction,” which is informed not by the arrogation and impairment analyses but solely by the provision of standards,\(^7\) thus confirming what has long been evident that the delegation doctrine is unmoored to separation-of-powers principles altogether.

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**The Regulatory State**

**[P. 82, add to n.106:]**

Notice Clinton v. City of New York, 524 U.S. 417 (1998), in which the Court struck down what Congress had intended to be a delegation to the President, finding that the authority conferred on the President was legislative power, not executive power, which failed because the Presentment Clause had not and could not have been complied with. The dissenting Justices argued that the law, the Line Item Veto Act, was properly treated as a delegation and was clearly constitutional. Id. at 453 (Justice Scalia concurring in part and dissenting in part), 469 (Justice Breyer dissenting).

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**QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**

**Exclusivity of Constitutional Qualifications**

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**[P. 111, add to n.297:]**

Powell’s continuing validity was affirmed in U.S. Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton, 514 U.S. 779 (1995), both by the Court in its holding that the qualifications set out in the Constitution are exclusive and may not be added to by either Congress or the States, id. at 787-98, and by the dissent, which would hold that Congress, for different reasons, could not add to qualifications, although the States could. Id. at 875-76.

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**State Additions**

**[P. 114, add to text following n.312:]**

The long-debated issue whether the States could add to the qualifications that the Constitution prescribed for Senators and Representatives was finally resolved, by a surprisingly close vote, in U.S. Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton.\(^8\) Arkansas, along with twenty-two other States, all but two by citizen initiatives, had imposed maximum numbers of terms that Members of Congress could serve. In this case, the Court held that the Constitution’s qualifica-

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\(^7\)Id. at 758-59.

\(^8\)514 U.S. 779 (1995). The majority was composed of Justice Stevens (writing the opinion of the Court) and Justices Kennedy, Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer. Dissenting were Justice Thomas (writing the opinion) and Justices O’Connor and Scalia. Id. at 845.
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sections clauses⁹ establish exclusive qualifications for Members that may not be added to either by Congress or the States. The four-Judge dissent argued that while Congress had no power to increase qualifications, the States did.

Richly embellished with disputatious arguments about the text of the Constitution, the history of its drafting and ratification, and the practices of Congress and the States in the early years of the United States, the actual determination of the Court as controverted by the dissent was much more over founding principles than more ordinary constitutional interpretation.¹⁰

Thus, the Court and the dissent drew different conclusions from the text of the qualifications clauses and the other clauses respecting the elections of Members of Congress; the Court and the dissent reached different conclusions after a minute examination of the records of the Convention respecting the drafting of these clauses and the ratification debates; and the Court and the dissent were far apart on the meaning of the practices in the States in legislating qualifications and election laws and in Congress in deciding election contests based on qualifications disputes.

A default principle relied on by both Court and dissent, given the arguments drawn from text, creation, and practice, had to do with the fundamental principle underlying the Constitution's adoption. In the dissent's view, the Constitution was the result of the resolution of the peoples of the separate States to create the National Government. The conclusion to be drawn from this was that the peoples in the States agreed to surrender powers expressly forbidden them and to surrender those limited powers that they had delegated to the Federal Government expressly or by necessary implication. They retained all other powers and still retained them. Thus, "where the Constitution is silent about the exercise of a particular power—that is, where the Constitution does not speak either expressly or by necessary implication—the Federal Government lacks that power and the States enjoy it."¹¹ The Constitution's silence about the States being limited meant that the States could legislate additional qualifications.

⁹ Article I, § 2, cl. 2, provides that a person may qualify as a Representative if she is at least 25 years old, has been a United States citizen for at least seven years, and is an inhabitant, at the time of the election, of the State in which she is chosen. The qualifications established for Senators, Article I, § 3, cl. 3, are an age of 30, nine years' citizenship, and being an inhabitant of the State at the time of election.


¹¹ 514 U.S. at 848 (Justice Thomas dissenting). See generally id. at 846–65.
Radically different were the views of the majority of the Court. After the adoption of the Constitution, the States had two kinds of powers: powers that they had before the founding and powers that were reserved to them. The States could have no reserved powers with respect to the Federal Government. "As Justice Story recognized, 'the states can exercise no powers whatsoever, which exclusively spring out of the existence of the national government, which the constitution does not delegate to them .... No state can say, that it has reserved, what it never possessed.'"\(^{12}\) The States could not before the founding have possessed powers to legislate respecting the Federal Government, and since the Constitution did not delegate to the States the power to prescribe qualifications for Members of Congress, the States did not have it.\(^{13}\)

Evidently, the opinions in this case reflect more than a decision on this particular dispute. They rather represent conflicting philosophies within the Court respecting the scope of national power in relation to the States, an issue at the core of many controversies today.

APPORTIONMENT OF SEATS IN THE HOUSE

The Census Requirement

\[P. \text{ 115, add to n.317:}\]

Another census controversy was resolved in Wisconsin v. City of New York, 517 U.S. 1 (1996), in which the Court held that the decision of the Secretary of Commerce not to conduct a post-enumeration survey and statistical adjustment for an undercount in the 1990 Census was reasonable and within the bounds of discretion conferred by the Constitution and statute.

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Presentation of Resolutions

\[P. \text{ 144, add new topic at end of section:}\]

The Line Item Veto.—For more than a century, United States Presidents had sought the authority to strike out of appropriations bills particular items, to veto "line items" of money bills and sometimes legislative measures as well. Finally, in 1996, Congress approved and the President signed the Line Item Veto Act.\(^{14}\) The law empowered the President, within five days of signing a bill, to "cancel in whole" spending items and targeted, defined tax benefits. In acting on this authority, the President was to determine that the cancellation of each item would "(i) reduce the Federal budget defi-
cit; (ii) not impair any essential Government functions; and (iii) not harm the national interest.” 15 In *Clinton v. City of New York*, 16 the Court held the Act to be unconstitutional because it did not comply with the Presentment Clause.

Although Congress in passing the Act considered itself to have been delegating power, 17 and although the dissenting Justices would have upheld the Act as a valid delegation, 18 the Court instead analyzed the statute under the Presentment Clause. In the Court’s view, the two bills from which the President subsequently struck items became law the moment the President signed them. His cancelations thus amended and in part repealed the two federal laws. Under its most immediate precedent, the Court continued, statutory repeals must conform to the Presentment Clauses’s “single, finely wrought and exhaustively considered, procedure” for enacting or repealing a law. 19 In no respect did the procedures in the Act comply with that clause, and in no way could they. The President was acting in a legislative capacity, altering a law in the manner prescribed, and legislation must, in the way Congress acted, be bicameral and be presented to the President after Congress acted. Nothing in the Constitution authorized the President to amend or repeal a statute unilaterally, and the Court could construe both constitutional silence and the historical practice over 200 years as “an express prohibition” of the President’s action. 20

**POWER TO REGULATE COMMERCE**

**Definition of Terms**

—Federalism Limits on Exercise of Commerce Power

[P. 167, add to n.619, immediately after *New York v. United States*:]


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15 Id. at § 691(a)(A).
18 524 U.S. at 453 (Justice Scalia concurring in part and dissenting in part); id. at 469 (Justice Breyer dissenting).
20 524 U.S. at 439.
The Commerce Clause as a Source of National Police Power

—Is There an Intrastate Barrier to Congress’ Commerce Power?

[P. 206, add to n.818:]

In a later case the Court avoided the constitutional issue by holding the statute inapplicable to the arson of an owner-occupied private residence. Jones v. United States, 120 S. Ct. 1904 (2000). An owner-occupied building is not “used” in interstate commerce within the meaning of the statute, the Court concluded.

[P. 207, add to text following n.820:]

For the first time in almost 60 years, the Court invalidated a federal law as exceeding Congress’ authority under the Commerce Clause. The statute was a provision making it a federal offense to possess a firearm within 1,000 feet of a school. The Court reviewed the doctrinal development of the Commerce Clause, especially the effects and aggregation tests, and reaffirmed that it is the Court’s responsibility to decide whether a rational basis exists for concluding that a regulated activity sufficiently affects interstate commerce when a law is challenged. The Court identified three broad categories of activity that Congress may regulate under its commerce power. “First, Congress may regulate the use of the channels of interstate commerce . . . . Second, Congress is empowered to regulate and protect the instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or persons or things in interstate commerce, even though the threat may come only from intrastate activities . . . . Finally, Congress’ commerce authority includes the power to regulate those activities having a substantial relation to interstate commerce, . . . i.e., those activities that substantially affect interstate commerce.”

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21 The last such decision had been Carter v. Carter Coal Co., 298 U.S. 238 (1936).
22 United States v. Lopez, 514 U.S. 549 (1995). The Court was divided 5 to 4, with Chief Justice Rehnquist writing the opinion of the Court, joined by Justices O’Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, and Thomas, with dissents by Justices Stevens, Souter, Breyer, and Ginsburg.
24 514 U.S. at 556–57, 559.
25 For a recent example of such regulation, see Reno v. Condon, 120 S. Ct. 666 (2000) (information about motor vehicles and owners, regulated pursuant to the Driver’s Privacy Protection Act, and sold by states and others, is an article of commerce).
26 514 U.S. at 558–59.
Clearly, said the Court, the criminalized activity did not implicate the first two categories. As for the third, the Court found an insufficient connection. First, a wide variety of regulations of "intrastate economic activity" has been sustained where an activity substantially affects interstate commerce. But the statute being challenged, the Court continued, was a criminal law that had nothing to do with "commerce" or with "any sort of economic enterprise." Therefore, it could not be sustained under precedents "upholding regulations of activities that arise out of or are connected with a commercial transaction, which viewed in the aggregate, substantially affects interstate commerce." The provision did not contain a "jurisdictional element which would ensure, through case-by-case inquiry, that the firearm possession in question affects interstate commerce." The existence of such a section, the Court implied, would have saved the constitutionality of the provision by requiring a showing of some connection to commerce in each particular case. Finally, the Court rejected the arguments of the Government and of the dissent that there existed a sufficient connection between the offense and interstate commerce. At base, the Court's concern was that accepting the attenuated connection arguments presented would result in the evisceration of federalism. "Under the theories that the Government presents ... it is difficult to perceive any limitation on federal power, even in areas such as criminal law enforcement or education where States historically have been sovereign. Thus, if we were to accept the Government's arguments, we are hard pressed to posit any activity by an individual that Congress is without power to regulate."

Whether Lopez bespoke a Court determination to police more closely Congress' exercise of its commerce power, so that it would be a noteworthy case, or whether it was rather a "warning shot" across the bow of Congress, urging more restraint in the exercise of power or more care in the drafting of laws, was not immediately clear. The Court's decision five years later in United States v. Morrison, however, suggests that stricter scrutiny of Congress' com-

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27 Id. at 559.
28 Id. at 559-61.
29 Id. at 561.
30 Id. at 563-68.
31 Id. at 564.
32 "Not every epochal case has come in epochal trappings." Id. at 615 (Justice Souter dissenting) (wondering whether the case is only a misapplication of established standards or is a veering in a new direction).
33 120 S. Ct. 1740 (2000). Once again, the Justices were split 5 to 4, with Chief Justice Rehnquist's opinion of the Court being joined by Justices O'Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, and Thomas, and with Justices Souter, Stevens, Ginsburg, and Breyer dissenting.
Commerce power exercises is the chosen path, at least for legislation that falls outside the area of economic regulation.\textsuperscript{34} The Court will no longer defer, via rational basis review, to every congressional finding of substantial effects on interstate commerce, but instead will examine the nature of the asserted nexus to commerce, and will also consider whether a holding of constitutionality is consistent with its view of the commerce power as being a limited power that cannot be allowed to displace all exercise of state police powers.

In Morrison the Court applied Lopez principles to invalidate a provision of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) that created a federal cause of action for victims of gender-motivated violence. Gender-motivated crimes of violence “are not, in any sense of the phrase, economic activity,”\textsuperscript{35} the Court explained, and there was allegedly no precedent for upholding commerce-power regulation of intrastate activity that was not economic in nature. The provision, like the invalidated provision of the Gun-Free School Zones Act, contained no jurisdictional element tying the regulated violence to interstate commerce. Unlike the Gun-Free School Zones Act, the VAWA did contain “numerous” congressional findings about the serious effects of gender-motivated crimes\textsuperscript{36} but the Court rejected reliance on these findings. “The existence of congressional findings is not sufficient, by itself, to sustain the constitutionality of Commerce Clause legislation. … [The issue of constitutionality] is ultimately a judicial rather than a legislative question, and can be settled finally only by this Court.”\textsuperscript{37} The problem with the VAWA findings was that they “relied heavily” on the reasoning rejected in Lopez—the “but-for causal chain from the initial occurrence of crime … to every attenuated effect upon interstate commerce.” As the Court had explained in Lopez, acceptance of this reasoning would eliminate the distinction between what is truly national and what is truly local, and would allow Congress to regulate virtually any activity, and basically any crime.\textsuperscript{38} Accordingly, the Court

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\item \textsuperscript{34} For an expansive interpretation in the area of economic regulation, decided during the same Term as Lopez, see Allied-Bruce Terminix Cos. v. Dobson, 513 U.S. 265 (1995).
\item \textsuperscript{35} 120 S. Ct. at 1751.
\item \textsuperscript{36} Dissenting Justice Souter pointed to a “mountain of data” assembled by Congress to show the effects of domestic violence on interstate commerce. 120 S. Ct. at 1760–63. The Court has evidenced a similar willingness to look behind congressional findings purporting to justify exercise of enforcement power under section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment. See discussion under “enforcement,” infra. In Morrison itself, the Court determined that congressional findings were insufficient to justify the VAWA as an exercise of Fourteenth Amendment power. 120 S. Ct. at 1755.
\item \textsuperscript{37} 120 S. Ct. at 1752.
\item \textsuperscript{38} 120 S. Ct. at 1752–53. Applying the principle of constitutional doubt, the Court in Jones v. United States, 120 S. Ct. 1904 (2000), interpreted the federal
“reject[ed] the argument that Congress may regulate noneconomic, violent criminal conduct based solely on that conduct’s aggregate effect on interstate commerce.” Resurrecting the dual federalism dichotomy, the Court could find “no better example of the police power, which the Founders denied the National Government and reposed in the States, than the suppression of violent crime and vindication of its victims.”

THE COMMERCE CLAUSE AS A RESTRAINT ON STATE POWERS

Doctrinal Background

[PP. 215-16, add to n.864:]


State Taxation and Regulation: The Old Law

—Taxation

[PP. 223, add to n.907:]


—Regulation

[PP. 227, add to n.928:]

And see C & A Carbone, Inc. v. Town of Clarkstown, 511 U.S. 383, 391 (1994) (discrimination against interstate commerce not preserved because local businesses also suffer).

[PP. 227, add to n.930:]

For the most recent case in this saga, see West Lynn Creamery, Inc. v. Healy, 512 U.S. 186 (1994).

arson statute as inapplicable to the arson of a private, owner-occupied residence. Were the statute interpreted to apply to such residences, the Court noted, “hardly a building in the land would fall outside [its] domain,” and the statute’s validity under Lopez would be squarely raised. 120 S. Ct. at 1911.

39 120 S. Ct. at 1754.
State Taxation and Regulation: The Modern Law

—Taxation

[P. 229, add to n.941:]


[P. 231, add to n.952:]


[P. 232, add to text following n.959:]

A deference to state taxing authority was evident in a case in which the Court sustained a state sales tax on the price of a bus ticket for travel that originated in the State but terminated in another State. The tax was not apportioned to reflect the intrastate travel and the interstate travel. The tax in this case was different from the tax upheld in Central Greyhound, the Court held. The previous tax constituted a levy on gross receipts, payable by the seller, whereas the present tax was a sales tax, also assessed on gross receipts, but payable by the buyer. The Oklahoma tax, the Court continued, was internally consistent, since if every State imposed a tax on ticket sales within the State for travel originating there, no sale would be subject to more than one tax. The tax was also externally consistent, the Court held, because it was a tax on the sale of a service that took place in the State, not a tax on the travel.

However, the Court found discriminatory and thus invalid a state intangibles tax on a fraction of the value of corporate stock owned by state residents inversely proportional to the corporation’s exposure to the state income tax.

40 Indeed, there seemed to be a precedent squarely on point. Central Greyhound Lines, Inc. v. Mealey, 334 U.S. 653 (1948). Struck down in that case was a state statute that failed to apportion its taxation of interstate bus ticket sales to reflect the distance traveled within the State.

41 Oklahoma Tax Comm’n v. Jefferson Lines, Inc., 514 U.S. 175 (1995). Indeed, the Court analogized the tax to that in Goldberg v. Sweet, 488 U.S. 252 (1989), a tax on interstate telephone services that originated in or terminated in the State and that were billed to an in-state address.

42 Fulton Corp. v. Faulkner, 516 U.S. 325 (1996). The State had defended on the basis that the tax was a “compensatory” one designed to make interstate commerce bear a burden already borne by intrastate commerce. The Court recognized the legitimacy of the defense, but it found the tax to meet none of the three criteria for classification as a valid compensatory tax. Id. at 333–44. See also South Central Bell Tel. Co. v. Alabama, 526 U.S. 160 (1999) (tax not justified as compensatory).

Compare Fulton Corp. v. Faulkner, 516 U.S. 325 (1996) (state intangibles tax on a fraction of the value of corporate stock owned by in-state residents inversely proportional to the corporation’s exposure to the state income tax violated dormant Commerce Clause), with General Motors Corp. v. Tracy, 519 U.S. 278 (1997) (state imposition of sales and use tax on all sales of natural gas except sales by regulated public utilities, all of which were in-state companies, but covering all other sellers that were out-of-state companies did not violate dormant Commerce Clause because regulated and unregulated companies were not similarly situated).

Expanding, although neither unexpectedly nor exceptionally, its dormant commerce jurisprudence, the Court in Camps Newfound/Owatonna, Inc. v. Town of Harrison,43 applied its non-discrimination element of the doctrine to invalidate the State’s charitable property tax exemption statute, which applied to non-profit firms performing benevolent and charitable functions, but which excluded entities serving primarily non-state residents. The claimant here operated a church camp for children, most of whom resided out-of-state. The discriminatory tax would easily have fallen had it been applied to profit-making firms, and the Court saw no reason to make an exception for nonprofits. The tax scheme was designed to encourage entities to care for local populations and to discourage attention to out-of-state individuals and groups. “For purposes of Commerce Clause analysis, any categorical distinction between the activities of profit-making enterprises and not-for-profit entities is therefore wholly illusory. Entities in both categories are major participants in interstate markets. And, although the summer camp involved in this case may have a relatively insignificant impact on the commerce of the entire Nation, the interstate commercial activities of nonprofit entities as a class are unquestionably significant.”44

In West Lynn Creamery, Inc. v. Healy, 512 U.S. 186 (1994), the Court held invalidly discriminatory against interstate commerce a state milk pricing order, which imposed an assessment on all milk sold by dealers to in-state retailers, the entire assessment being distributed to in-state dairy farmers despite the fact that

43520 U.S. 564 (1997). The decision was a 5 to 4 one with a strong dissent by Justice Scalia, id. at 595, and a philosophical departure by Justice Thomas. Id. at 609.
44Id. at 586.
about two-thirds of the assessed milk was produced out of State. The avowed purpose and undisputed effect of the provision was to enable higher-cost in-state dairy farmers to compete with lower-cost dairy farmers in other States.

—Regulation

[P. 236, add to text following n.980:]

Further extending the limitation of the clause on waste disposal, the Court invalidated as a discrimination against interstate commerce a local “flow control” law, which required all solid waste within the town to be processed at a designated transfer station before leaving the municipality. The town’s reason for the restriction was its decision to have built a solid waste transfer station by a private contractor, rather than with public funds by the town. To make the arrangement appetizing to the contractor, the town guaranteed it a minimum waste flow, for which it could charge a fee significantly higher than market rates. The guarantee was policed by the requirement that all solid waste generated within the town be processed at the contractor’s station and that any person disposing of solid waste in any other location would be penalized.

The Court analogized the constraint as a form of economic protectionism, which bars out-of-state processors from the business of treating the locality’s solid waste, by hoarding a local resource for the benefit of local businesses that perform the service. The town’s goal of revenue generation was not a local interest that could justify the discrimination. Moreover, the town had other means to accomplish this goal, such as subsidization of the local facility through general taxes or municipal bonds. The Court did not deal with, indeed, did not notice, the fact that the local law conferred a governmentally-granted monopoly, an exclusive franchise, indistinguishable from a host of local monopolies at the state and local level.

Foreign Commerce and State Powers

[P. 241, add to n.1001:]

See also Itel Containers Int’l Corp. v. Huddleston, 507 U.S. 60 (1993) (sustaining state sales tax as applied to lease of containers delivered within the State and used in foreign commerce).


47 See The Supreme Court, Leading Cases, 1993 Term, 108 Harv. L. Rev. 139, 149-59 (1994). Weight was given to this consideration by Justice O’Connor, 511 U.S. at 401 (concurring) (local law an excessive burden on interstate commerce), and by Justice Souter, id. at 410 (dissenting).
Extending Container Corporation, the Court in Barclays Bank v. Franchise Tax Board of California,\(^{48}\) upheld the State's worldwide-combined reporting method of determining the corporate franchise tax owed by unitary multinational corporations, as applied to a foreign corporation. The Court determined that the tax easily satisfied three of the four-part Complete Auto test—nexus, apportionment, and relation to State's services—and concluded that the non-discrimination principle—perhaps violated by the letter of the law—could be met by the discretion accorded state officials. As for the two additional factors, as outlined in Japan Lines, the Court pronounced itself satisfied. Multiple taxation was not the inevitable result of the tax, and that risk would not be avoided by the use of any reasonable alternative. The tax, it was found, did not impair federal uniformity nor prevent the Federal Government from speaking with one voice in international trade. The result of the case, perhaps intended, is that foreign corporations have less protection under the negative Commerce Clause.\(^{49}\)

CONCURRENT FEDERAL AND STATE JURISDICTION

The General Issue: Preemption

—The Standards Applied

\(^{48}\) 512 U.S. 298 (1994).

\(^{49}\) The Supreme Court, Leading Cases, 1993 Term, 108 Harv. L. Rev. 139, 139-49 (1993).
Little clarification of the confusing Cipollone decision and opinions resulted in the cases following, although it does seem evident that the attempted distinction limiting courts to the particular language of preemption when Congress has spoken has not prevailed. At issue in Medtronic, Inc. v. Lohr,50 was the Medical Device Amendments (MDA) of 1976, which prohibited States from adopting or continuing in effect “with respect to a [medical] device” any “requirement” that is “different from, or in addition to” the applicable federal requirement and that relates to the safety or effectiveness of the device.51 The issue, then, was whether a common-law tort obligation imposed a “requirement” that was different from or in addition to any federal requirement. The device, a pacemaker lead, had come on the market not pursuant to the rigorous FDA test but rather as determined by the FDA to be “substantially equivalent” to a device previously on the market, a situation of some import to at least some of the Justices.

Unanimously, the Court determined that a defective design claim was not preempted and that the MDA did not prevent States from providing a damages remedy for violation of common-law duties that paralleled federal requirements. But the Justices split 4–1–4 with respect to preemption of various claims relating to manufacturing and labeling. FDA regulations, which a majority deferred to, limited preemption to situations in which a particular state requirement threatens to interfere with a specific federal interest. Moreover, the common-law standards were not specifically developed to govern medical devices and their generality removed them from the category of requirements “with respect to” specific devices. However, five Justices did agree that common-law requirements could be, just as statutory provisions, “requirements” that were


preempted, though they did not agree on the application of that view.\textsuperscript{52}

Following Cipollone, the Court observed that while it “need not go beyond” the statutory preemption language, it did need to “identify the domain expressly preempted” by the language, so that “our interpretation of that language does not occur in a contextual vacuum.” That is, it must be informed by two presumptions about the nature of preemption: the presumption that Congress does not cavalierly preempt common-law causes of action and the principle that it is Congress’ purpose that is the ultimate touchstone.\textsuperscript{53}

The Court continued to struggle with application of express preemption language to state common-law tort actions in Geier v. American Honda Motor Co.\textsuperscript{54} The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act contained both a preemption clause, prohibiting states from applying “any safety standard” different from an applicable federal standard, and a “saving clause,” providing that “compliance with” a federal safety standard “does not exempt any person from any liability under common law.” The Court determined that the express preemption clause was inapplicable. However, despite the saving clause, the Court ruled that a common law tort action seeking damages for failure to equip a car with an airbag was preempted because its application would frustrate the purpose of a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard that had allowed manufacturers to choose from among a variety of “passive restraint” systems for the applicable model year.\textsuperscript{55} The Court’s holding makes clear, contrary to the suggestion in Cipollone, that existence of express preemption language does not foreclose operation of conflict (in this case “frustration of purpose”) preemption.

\textsuperscript{52} The dissent, by Justice O’Connor and three others, would have held preempted the latter claims, 518 U.S. at 509, whereas Justice Breyer thought that common-law claims would sometimes be preempted, but not here. Id. at 503 (concurring).

\textsuperscript{53} 518 U.S. at 484-85. See also id. at 508 (Justice Breyer concurring); Freightliner Corp. v. Myrick, 514 U.S. 280, 288-89 (1995); Barnett Bank v. Nelson, 517 U.S. 25, 31 (1996); California Div. of Labor Stds. Enforcement v. Dillingham Constr., Inc., 519 U.S. 316, 334 (1997) (Justice Scalia concurring); Boggs v. Boggs, 520 U.S. 833 (1997) (using “stands as an obstacle” preemption analysis in an ERISA case, having express preemptive language, but declining to decide when implied preemption may be used despite express language), and id. at 854 (Justice Breyer dissenting) (analyzing the preemption issue under both express and implied standards).

\textsuperscript{54} 120 S. Ct. 1913 (2000).

\textsuperscript{55} The Court focused on the word “exempt” to give the saving clause a narrow application—as “simply bar[ring] a special kind of defense, . . . that compliance with a federal safety standard automatically exempts a defendant from state law, whether the Federal Government meant that standard to be an absolute requirement or only a minimum one.” 120 S. Ct. at 1919.
[P. 251, add to n.1046 after Ray v. Atlantic Richfield citation:]


[P. 252, add to n.1050 before Free v. Brand:]


[P. 252, add to n.1054:]

See also Barnett Bank v. Nelson, 517 U.S. 25 (1996) (federal law empowering national banks in small towns to sell insurance preempts state law prohibiting banks from dealing in insurance; despite explicit preemption provision, state law stands as an obstacle to accomplishment of federal purpose).

[P. 253, add to text following n.1057:]

In Boggs v. Boggs,56 the Court, 5 to 4, applied the "stands as an obstacle" test for conflict even though the statute (ERISA) contains an express preemption section. The dispute arose in a community-property State, in which heirs of a deceased wife claimed property that involved pension-benefit assets that was left to them by testamentary disposition, as against a surviving second wife. Two ERISA provisions operated to prevent the descent of the property to the heirs, but under community-property rules the property could have been left to the heirs by their deceased mother. The Court did not pause to analyze whether the ERISA preemption provision operated to preclude the descent of the property, either because state law "relate[d] to" a covered pension plan or because state law had an impermissible "connection with" a plan, but it instead decided that the operation of the state law insofar as it conflicted with the purposes Congress had intended to achieve by ERISA and insofar as it ran into the two noted provisions of ERISA stood as an obstacle to the effectuation of the ERISA law. "We can begin, and in this case end, the analysis by simply asking if state law conflicts with the provisions of ERISA or operates to frustrate its objects. We hold that there is a conflict, which suffices to resolve the case. We need not inquire whether the statutory phrase 'relate to' provides further and additional support for the pre-emption claim. Nor need we consider the applicability of field pre-emption."57

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57 Id. at 841. The dissent, id. at 854 (Justice Breyer), agreed that conflict analysis was appropriate, but he did not find that the state law achieved any result that ERISA required.
Similarly, the Court found it unnecessary to consider field preemption due to its holding that a Massachusetts law barring state agencies from purchasing goods or services from companies doing business with Burma imposed obstacles to the accomplishment of Congress' full objectives under the federal Burma sanctions law. 58 The state law was said to undermine the federal law in several respects that could have implicated field preemption—by limiting the President's effective discretion to control sanctions, and by frustrating the President's ability to engage in effective diplomacy in developing a comprehensive multilateral strategy—but the Court "decline[d] to speak to field preemption as a separate issue." 59

-Federal Versus State Labor Laws

[P. 255, add to n.1069, immediately following Bethlehem Steel:]

See also Livadas v. Bradshaw, 512 U.S. 107 (1994) (finding preempted because it stood as an obstacle to the achievement of the purposes of NLRA a practice of a state labor commissioner).

COMMERCE WITH INDIAN TRIBES

[P. 263, add to n.1114:]


[P. 263, add to n.1117, immediately following Brendale discussion:]

And see Hagen v. Utah, 510 U.S. 399 (1994).

[P. 264, add to n.1119:]


ALIENS

The Power of Congress to Exclude Aliens

[P. 276, add to n.1199:]


59 120 S. Ct. at 2295 n.8.
Deportation

[P. 281, add to n.1232:

In Reno v. Flores, 507 U.S. 292 (1993), the Court upheld an INS regulation providing for the ongoing detention of juveniles apprehended on suspicion of being deportable, unless parents, close relatives, or legal guardians were available to accept release, as against a substantive due process attack.

[P. 281, add to text at end of section:

An alien unlawfully in the country “has no constitutional right to assert selective enforcement as a defense against his deportation.”

COPYRIGHTS AND PATENTS

Procedure in Issuing Patents

[P. 297, add to n.1353:

In Markman v. Westview Instruments, Inc., 517 U.S. 348 (1996), the Court held that the interpretation of terms in a patent claim is a matter of law reserved entirely for the court. The Seventh Amendment does not require that such issues be tried to a jury.

Nature and Scope of the Right Secured

[P. 298, add to n.1359:


THE POWER TO RAISE AND MAINTAIN ARMED FORCES

Trial and Punishment of Offenses: Servicemen, Civilian Employees, and Dependents

[P. 316, add to n.1465:


POWERS DENIED TO CONGRESS

Taxes on Exports

[P. 356, add to text following n.1772:

Continuing its refusal to modify its Export Clause jurisprudence, the Court held unconstitutional the Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT) under the Export Clause insofar as the tax was applied to goods loaded at United States ports for export. The HMT re-
required shippers to pay a uniform charge on commercial cargo shipped through the Nation’s ports. The clause, said the Court, “categorically bars Congress from imposing any tax on exports.” However, the clause does not interdict a “user fee,” that is a charge that lacks the attributes of a generally applicable tax or duty and is designed to compensate for government supplied services, facilities, or benefits, and it was that defense to which the Government repaired once it failed to obtain a modification of the rules under the clause. But the HMT bore the indicia of a tax. It was titled as a tax, described as a tax in the law, and codified in the Internal Revenue Code. Aside from naming, however, courts must look to how things operate, and the HMT did not qualify as a user fee. It did not represent compensation for services rendered. The value of export cargo did not correspond reliably with the federal harbor services used or usable by the exporter. Instead, the extent and manner of port use depended on such factors as size and tonnage of a vessel and the length of time it spent in port. The HMT was thus a tax, and therefore invalid.

[P. 356, add to text following n.1775:

In United States v. IBM Corporation, the Court declined the Government’s argument that it should refine its export-tax-clause jurisprudence. Rather than read the clause as a bar on any tax that applies to a good in the export stream, the Government contended that the Court should bring this clause in line with the Import-Export Clause and with dormant-commerce-clause doctrine. In that view, the Court should distinguish between discriminatory and nondiscriminatory taxes on exports. But the Court held that sufficient differences existed between the Export Clause and the other two clauses, so that its bar should continue to apply to any and all taxes on goods in the course of exportation.

[P. 356, add to n.1778:

In United States v. IBM Corp., 517 U.S. 843 (1996), the Court adhered to Thames & Mersey, and held unconstitutional a federal excise tax upon insurance policies issued by foreign countries as applied to coverage for exported products. The Court admitted that one could question the earlier case’s equating of a tax on the insurance of exported goods with a tax on the goods themselves, but it observed that the Government had chosen not to present that argument. Principles of stare decisis thus cautioned observance of the earlier case. Id. at 854–55. The dissenters argued that the issue had been presented and should be decided by overruling the earlier case. Id. at 863 (Justices Kennedy and Ginsburg dissenting).

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63 Id. at 367–69.
65 Article I, § 10, cl. 2, applying to the States.
POWERS DENIED TO THE STATES

Ex Post Facto Laws

—Scope of the Provision

[P. 362, add to n.1815:]

In Eastern Enterprises v. Apfel, 524 U.S. 498, 538 (1998) (concurring), Justice Thomas indicated a willingness to reconsider Calder to determine whether the clause should apply to civil legislation.

—Changes in Punishment

[P. 364, add to n.1829:]

But see California Dep't of Corrections v. Morales, 514 U.S. 499 (1995) (a law amending parole procedures to decrease frequency of parole-suitability hearings is not ex post facto as applied to prisoners who committed offenses before enactment). The opinion modifies previous opinions that had invalidated some laws because they operated to the “disadvantage” of covered offenders. Henceforth, “the focus of ex post facto inquiry is... whether any such change alters the definition of criminal conduct or increases the penalty by which a crime is punishable.” Id. at 506 n.3. Accord, Garner v. Jones, 120 S. Ct. 1362 (2000) (evidence insufficient to determine whether change in frequency of parole hearings significantly increases the likelihood of prolonging incarceration). But see Lynce v. Mathis, 519 U.S. 433 (1997) (cancellation of release credits already earned and used, resulting in reincarceration, violates the Clause).

—Changes in Procedure

[P. 366, add to end of section:]

Changes in evidentiary rules that allow conviction on less evidence than was required at the time the crime was committed can also run afoul of the Ex Post Facto Clause. This principle was applied in the Court's invalidation of retroactive application of a Texas law that eliminated the requirement that the testimony of a sexual assault victim age 14 or older must be corroborated by two other witnesses, and allowed conviction on the victim's testimony alone.66

Duties on Exports or Imports

—Scope

[P. 399, add to n.2000:]

Justice Thomas has called recently for reconsideration of Woodruff and the possible application of the clause to interstate imports and exports. Camps Newfound/Owatonna, Inc. v. Town of Harrison, 520 U.S. 564, 609, 621 (1997) (dissenting).

—Property Taxes

[P. 400, add to n.2020:]

See also Itel Containers Int’l Corp. v. Huddleston, 507 U.S. 60, 76–8 (1993). And see id. at 81–2 (Justice Scalia concurring).
ARTICLE II

NATURE AND SCOPE OF PRESIDENTIAL POWER

Executive Power: Theory of the Presidential Office

—The Curtiss-Wright Case

[P. 420, add to n.34:]

In Loving v. United States, 517 U.S. 748 (1996), the Court recurred to the original setting of Curtiss-Wright, a delegation to the President without standards. Congress, the Court found, had delegated to the President authority to structure the death penalty provisions of military law so as to bring the procedures, relating to aggravating and mitigating factors, into line with constitutional requirements, but Congress had provided no standards to guide the presidential exercise of the authority. Standards were not required, held the Court, because the President's role as Commander-in-Chief gave him responsibility to superintend the military establishment and Congress and the President had interlinked authorities with respect to the military. Where the entity exercising the delegated authority itself possesses independent authority over the subject matter, the familiar limitations on delegation do not apply. Id. at 771–74.

Executive Power: Separation-of-Powers Judicial Protection

[P. 422, add to text following n.45:]

Significant change in the position of the Executive Branch on separation of powers may be discerned in two briefs of the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel, which may spell some measure of judicial modification of the formalist doctrine of separation and adoption of the functionalist approach to the doctrine.1 The two opinions withdraw from the Department's earlier contention, following Buckley v. Valeo, that the execution of the laws is an executive function that may be carried out only by persons appointed pursuant to the appointments clause, thus precluding delegations to state and local officers and to private parties (as in qui tam actions), as well as to glosses on the take care clause and other provisions of the Constitution. Whether these memoranda signal

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long-term change depends on several factors, importantly on whether they are adhered to by subsequent administrations.

[P. 425, add to text following n.61:]

In the course of deciding that the President’s action in approving the closure of a military base, pursuant to statutory authority, was not subject to judicial review, the Court enunciated a principle that may mean a great deal, constitutionally speaking, or that may not mean much of anything.\(^2\) The lower court had held that, while review of presidential decisions on statutory grounds might be precluded, his decisions were reviewable for constitutionality; in that court’s view, whenever the President acts in excess of his statutory authority, he also violates the constitutional separation-of-powers doctrine. The Supreme Court found this analysis flawed. “Our cases do not support the proposition that every action by the President, or by another executive official, in excess of his statutory authority is ipso facto in violation of the Constitution. On the contrary, we have often distinguished between claims of constitutional violations and claims that an official has acted in excess of his statutory authority.”\(^3\) Thus, the Court drew a distinction between executive action undertaken without even the purported warrant of statutory authorization and executive action in excess of statutory authority. The former may violate separation of powers, while the latter will not.\(^4\)

Doctrinally, the distinction is important and subject to unfortunate application.\(^5\) Whether the brief, unilluminating discussion in Dalton will bear fruit in constitutional jurisprudence, however, is problematic.

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\(^3\) Id. at 472.


\(^5\) “As a matter of constitutional logic, the executive branch must have some warrant, either statutory or constitutional, for its actions. The source of all federal governmental authority is the Constitution and, because the Constitution contemplates that Congress may delegate a measure of its power to officials in the executive branch, statutes. The principle of separation of powers is a direct consequence of this scheme. Absent statutory authorization, it is unlawful for the President to exercise the powers of the other branches because the Constitution does not vest those powers in the President. The absence of statutory authorization is not merely a statutory defect; it is a constitutional defect as well.” 108 Harv. L. Rev. at 305-06 (footnote citations omitted).
THE EXECUTIVE ESTABLISHMENT

Appointments and Congressional Regulation of Offices

[Page 514, add to text following n.468:]

The Court, in Edmond v. United States,6 reviewed its pro-
nouncements regarding the definition of “inferior officer” and, dis-
regarding some implications of its prior decisions, seemingly set-
tled, unanimously, on a pragmatic characterization. Thus, the im-
portance of the responsibilities assigned an officer, the fact that du-
ties were limited, that jurisdiction was narrow, and that tenure
was limited, are only factors but are not definitive.7 “Generally
speaking, the term ‘inferior officer’ connotes a relationship with
some higher ranking officer or officers below the President: Wheth-
er one is an ‘inferior’ officer depends on whether he has a superior.
It is not enough that other officers may be identified who formally
maintain a higher rank, or possess responsibilities of a greater
magnitude. If that were the intention, the Constitution might have
used the phrase ‘lesser officer.’ Rather, in the context of a Clause
designed to preserve political accountability relative to important
Government assignments, we think it evident that ‘inferior officers’
are officers whose work is directed and supervised at some level by
others who were appointed by Presidential nomination with the ad-
vice and consent of the Senate.”8

[Page 516, add new footnote to end of first sentence of first full para-
graph:]

As the text suggested, Freytag seemed to be a tentative decision, and Edmond
v. United States, 520 U.S. 651 (1997), a unanimous decision written by Justice
Scalia, whose concurring opinion in Freytag challenged the Court’s analysis, may
easily be read as retreating considerably from it.

6 520 U.S. 651 (1997).
7 Id. at 661–62.
8 Id. at 662–63. The case concerned whether the Secretary of Transportation, a
presidential appointee with the advice and consent of the Senate, could appoint
judges of the Coast Guard Court of Military Appeals; necessarily, the judges had
to be “inferior” officers. In related cases, the Court held that designation or appoint-
ment of military judges, who are “officers of the United States,” does not violate the
appointments clause. The judges are selected by the Judge Advocate General of
their respective branch of the Armed Forces. These military judges, however, were
already commissioned officers who had been appointed by the President with the
advice and consent of the Senate, so that their designation simply and permissibly
was an assignment to them of additional duties that did not need a second formal
appointment. Weiss v. United States, 510 U.S. 163 (1994). However, the appoint-
ment of civilian judges to the Coast Guard Court of Military Review by the same
method was impermissible; they had either to be appointed by an officer who could
exercise appointment-clause authority or by the President, and their actions were
not salvageable under the de facto officer doctrine. Ryder v. United States, 515 U.S.
The Court observed at one point that it doubted that defending the suit would much preoccupy the President, that his time and energy would not be much taken up by it. "If the past is any indicator, it seems unlikely that a deluge of such litigation will ever engulf the Presidency." 520 U.S. at 702.
—The President’s Subordinates

[P. 582, add to n.743:] Following the Westfall decision, Congress enacted the Federal Employees Liability Reform and Tort Compensation Act of 1988 (the Westfall Act), which authorized the Attorney General to certify that an employee was acting within the scope of his office or employment at the time of the incident out of which a suit arose; upon certification, the employee is dismissed from the action, and the United States is substituted, the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) then governing the action, which means that sometimes the action must be dismissed against the Government because the FTCA has not waived sovereign immunity. Cognizant of the temptation set before the Government to immunize both itself and its employee, the Court in Gutierrez de Martinez v. Lamagna, 515 U.S. 417 (1995), held that the Attorney General’s certification is subject to judicial review.

IMPEACHMENT

Impeachable Offenses

—Judicial Review of Impeachments

[P. 591, add to text following n.784:] Upon at last reaching the question, the Court has held that a claim to judicial review of an issue arising in an impeachment trial in the Senate presents a nonjusticiable question, a “political question.” Specifically, the Court held that a claim that the Senate had not followed the proper meaning of the word “try” in the impeachment clause, a special committee being appointed to take testimony and to make a report to the full Senate, complete with a full transcript, on which the Senate acted, could not be reviewed. But the analysis of the Court applies to all impeachment clause questions, thus seemingly putting off-limits to judicial review the whole process.

11 Nixon v. United States, 506 U.S. 224 (1993). Nixon at the time of his conviction and removal from office was a federal district judge in Mississippi.
ARTICLE III

JUDICIAL POWER

Characteristics and Attributes of J udicial Power

Judicial power confers on federal courts the power to decide a case, to render a judgment conclusively resolving a case. Judicial power is the authority to render dispositive judgments, and Congress violates the separation of powers when it purports to alter final judgments of Article III courts.1 In this controversy, the Court had unexpectedly fixed on a shorter statute of limitations to file certain securities actions than that believed to be the time in many jurisdictions. Resultantly, several suits that had been filed later than the determined limitations had been dismissed and had become final because they were not appealed. Congress enacted a statute, which, while not changing the limitations period prospectively, retroactively extended the time for suits dismissed and provided for the reopening of the final judgments rendered in the dismissals of suits.

Holding the congressional act invalid, the Court held it impermissible for Congress to disturb a final judgment. “Having achieved finality, . . . a judicial decision becomes the last word of the judicial department with regard to a particular case or controversy, and Congress may not declare by retroactive legislation that the law applicable to that very case was something other than what the courts said it was.”2 On the other hand, the Court ruled in Miller v. French3 that the Prison Litigation Reform Act’s automatic stay of ongoing injunctions remedying violations of prisoners’ rights did not amount to an unconstitutional legislative revision of a final judgment. Rather, the automatic stay merely alters “the prospec-
tive effect” of injunctions, and it is well established that such prospective relief “remains subject to alteration due to changes in the underlying law.”

Finality of Judgment as an Attribute of Judicial Power


ANCILLARY POWERS OF FEDERAL COURTS

The Contempt Power

—Categories of Contempt

In International Union, UMW v. Bagwell, the Court formulated a new test for drawing the distinction between civil and criminal contempts, which has important consequences for the procedural rights to be accorded those cited. Henceforth, the imposition of non-compensatory contempt fines for the violation of any complex injunction will require criminal proceedings. This case, as have so many, involved the imposition of large fines (here, $52 million) upon a union in a strike situation for violations of an elaborate court injunction restraining union activity during the strike. The Court was vague with regard to the standards for determining when a court order is “complex” and thus requires the protection of criminal proceedings. Much prior doctrine remains, however, as in the distinction between remedial sanctions, which are civil, and punitive, which are criminal, and between in-court and out-of-court contempts.

—Due Process Limitations on Contempt Power: Right to Jury Trial

See also International Union, UMW v. Bagwell, 512 U.S. 821 (1994) (refining the test for when contempt citations are criminal and thus require jury trials).

In International Union, UMW v. Bagwell, 512 U.S. 821, 837 n.5 (1994), the Court continued to reserve the question of the distinction between petty and serious contempt fines, because of the size of the fine in that case.
—Contempt by Disobedience of Orders

[P. 634, add to n.206:]


Power to Issue Writs: The Act of 1789

—Habeas Corpus: Congressional and Judicial Control

[P. 639, add to text following n.238:]

In Felker v. Turpin, the Court again passed up the opportunity to delineate Congress’ permissive authority over habeas, finding that none of the provisions of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act raised questions of constitutional import.

Congressional Limitation of the Injunctive Power

[P. 642, add to text following n.264:]

Perhaps pressing its powers further than prior legislation, Congress enacted the Prison Litigation Reform Act of 1996. Essentially, the law imposes a series of restrictions on judicial remedies in prison-conditions cases. Thus, courts may not issue prospective relief that extends beyond that necessary to correct the violation of a federal right that they have found, that is narrowly drawn, is the least intrusive, and that does not give attention to the adverse impact on public safety. Preliminary injunctive relief is limited by the same standards. Consent decrees may not be approved unless they are subject to the same conditions, meaning that the court must conduct a trial and find violations, thus cutting off consent decrees. No prospective relief is to last longer than two years if any party or intervenor so moves. Finally, a previously issued decree that does not conform to the new standards imposed by the Act is subject to termination upon the motion of the defendant or an intervenor. After a short period (30 or 60 days, depending on whether there is “good cause” for a 30-day extension), such a motion operates as an automatic stay of the prior decree pending the court’s decision on the merits. The Court upheld the termination and automatic stay provisions in Miller v. French, rejecting the contention that the automatic stay provision offends separation of powers

principles by legislative revision of a final judgment. Rather, Congress merely established new standards for the enforcement of prospective relief, and the automatic stay provision “helps to implement the change in the law.”

JUDICIAL POWER AND JURISDICTION—CASES AND CONTROVERSIES

Substantial Interest: Standing

—Taxpayer Suits

[P. 657, add to n.335:]

Richardson’s generalized grievance constriction does not apply when Congress confers standing on litigants. FEC v. Akins, 524 U.S. 11 (1998). When Congress confers standing on “any person aggrieved” by the denial of information required to be furnished them, the statutory entitlement is sufficient, and it matters not that most people will be entitled and will thus suffer a “generalized grievance.” Id. at 21–25.

[P. 657, add to n.336:]

The Court’s present position on Flast is set out severely in Lewis v. Casey, 518 U.S. 343, 353 n.3 (1996), in which the Court largely plays down the “serious and adversarial treatment” prong of standing and strongly reasserts the separation-of-powers value of keeping courts within traditional bounds. The footnote is a response to Justice Souter’s separate opinion utilizing Flast, id., 398–99, for a distinctive point.

—Constitutional Standards: Injury in Fact, Causation, and Redressability

[P. 658, insert the following after the word “Now” in sentence following n.345:]

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[P. 659, add to text following n.347:]

In FEC v. Akins,13 the Court found “injury-in-fact” present when plaintiff voters alleged that the Federal Election Commission had denied them information, to which they alleged an entitlement, respecting an organization that might or might not be a political action committee. Congress had afforded persons access to the Commission and had authorized “any person aggrieved” by the actions of the FEC to sue to challenge the action. That the injury was widely shared did not make the claimed injury a “generalized grievance,” the Court held, but rather in this case, as in others, it was a concrete harm to each member of the class. The case is a principal example of the ability of Congress to confer standing and to remove prudential constraints on judicial review.

11 120 S. Ct. at 2259.
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ART. III—JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

[P. 659, add to n.348 at end of string citation:]

[P. 659, add to text following n.348:]

Even citizens who bring qui tam actions under the False Claims Act, an action that entitles them to a percentage of any civil penalty assessed for violation, have been held to have standing, on the theory that the government has assigned a portion of its damages claim to the plaintiff, and the assignee of a claim has standing to assert the injury in fact suffered by the assignor.14

[P. 660, add to n.352:]

In Steel Co. v. Citizens for a Better Environment, 523 U.S. 83 (1998), the Court denied standing because of the absence of redressability. An environmental group sued the company for failing to file timely reports required by statute; by the time the complaint was filed, the company was in full compliance. Acknowledging that the entity had suffered injury in fact, the Court found that no judicial action would afford it a remedy.

[P. 661, add to text at end of section:]

Redressability can be present in an environmental citizen suit even when the remedy is civil penalties payable to the government. The civil penalties, the Court explained, “carried with them a deterrent effect that made it likely, as opposed to merely speculative, that the penalties would redress [plaintiffs’] injuries by abating current violations and preventing future ones.”15

—Prudential Standing Rules

[P. 661, add to text following n.360:]

In a case permitting a plaintiff contractors’ association to challenge an affirmative-action, set-aside program, the Court seemed to depart from several restrictive standing decisions in which it had held that the claims of attempted litigants were too “speculative” or too “contingent.”16 The association had sued, alleging that many of its members “regularly bid on and perform construction work”

14 Vermont Agency of Nat. Res. v. United States ex rel. Stevens, 120 S. Ct. 1858 (2000). The Court confirmed its conclusion by reference to the long tradition of qui tam actions, since the Constitution’s restriction of judicial power to “cases” and “controversies” has been interpreted to mean “cases and controversies of the sort traditionally amenable to, and resolved by, the judicial process.” Id. at 1863.


for the city and that they would have bid on the set-aside contracts but for the restrictions. The Court found the association had standing, because certain prior cases under the Equal Protection Clause established a relevant proposition. “When the government erects a barrier that makes it more difficult for members of one group to obtain a benefit than it is for members of another group, a member of the former group seeking to challenge the barrier need not allege that he would have obtained the benefit but for the barrier in order to establish standing. The ‘injury in fact’ in an equal protection case of this variety is the denial of equal treatment resulting from the imposition of the barrier, not the ultimate inability to obtain the benefit.”17 The association, therefore, established standing by alleging that its members were able and ready to bid on contracts but that a discriminatory policy prevented them from doing so on an equal basis.18


Standing to Assert the Constitutional Rights of Others

The Court has expanded the rights of non-minority defendants to challenge the exclusion of minorities from petit and grand juries, both on the basis of the injury-in-fact to defendants and because the standards for being able to assert the rights of third parties were met. Powers v. Ohio, 499 U.S. 400 (1991); Campbell v. Louisiana, 523 U.S. 392 (1998).

Standing of Members of Congress

Member or legislator standing has been severely curtailed, although not quite abolished, in Raines v. Byrd.19 Several Members

19 508 U.S. at 666. But see, in the context of ripeness, Reno v. Catholic Social Servs., Inc., 509 U.S. 43 (1993), in which the Court, over the dissent’s reliance on Jacksonville, id. at 81–2, denied the relevance of its distinction between entitlement to a benefit and equal treatment. Id. at 58 n.19.
of Congress, who had voted against passage of the Line Item Veto Act, sued in their official capacities as Members of Congress to invalidate the law, alleging standing based on the theory that the statute adversely affected their constitutionally prescribed lawmaking power.\(^{20}\) Emphasizing its use of standing doctrine to maintain separation-of-powers principles, the Court adhered to its holdings that, in order to possess the requisite standing, a person must establish that he has a "personal stake" in the dispute and that the alleged injury suffered is particularized as to him.\(^{21}\) Neither requirement, the Court held, was met by these legislators. First, the Members did not suffer a particularized loss that distinguished them from their colleagues or from Congress as an entity. Second, the Members did not claim that they had been deprived of anything to which they were personally entitled. "[A]ppellees' claim of standing is based on loss of political power, not loss of any private right, which would make the injury more concrete . . . . If one of the Members were to retire tomorrow, he would no longer have a claim; the claim would be possessed by his successor instead. The claimed injury thus runs (in a sense) with the Member's seat, a seat which the Member holds . . . as trustee for his constituents, not as a prerogative of personal power."\(^{22}\)

So, there is no such thing as Member standing? Not necessarily so, because the Court turned immediately to preserving (at least a truncated version of) Coleman v. Miller,\(^{23}\) in which the Court had found that 20 of the 40 members of a state legislature had standing to sue to challenge the loss of the effectiveness of their votes as a result of a tie-breaker by the lieutenant governor. Although there are several possible explanations for the result in that case, the Court in Raines chose to fasten on a particularly narrow point. "[O]ur holding in Coleman stands (at most, . . .) for the proposition that legislators whose votes would have been sufficient to defeat (or enact) a specific legislative Act have standing to sue if that legislative action goes into effect (or does not go into effect), on the ground that their votes have been completely nullified."\(^{24}\) Because these Members could still pass or reject appropriations bills, vote to repeal the Act, or exempt any appropriations bill from

\(^{20}\)The Act itself provided that "[a]ny Member of Congress or any individual adversely affected" could sue to challenge the law. 2 U.S.C. § 692(a)(1). After failure of this litigation, the Court in the following Term, on suits brought by claimants adversely affected by the exercise of the veto, held the statute unconstitutional. Clinton v. City of New York, 524 U.S. 417 (1998).

\(^{21}\)521 U.S. at 819.

\(^{22}\)521 U.S. at 821.

\(^{23}\)307 U.S. 433 (1939).

\(^{24}\)521 U.S. at 823.
presidential cancellation, the Act did not nullify their votes and thus give them standing.\textsuperscript{25}

It will not pass notice that the Court’s two holdings do not cohere. If legislators have standing only to allege personal injuries suffered in their personal capacities, how can they have standing to assert official-capacity injury in being totally deprived of the effectiveness of their votes? A period of dispute in the D.C. Circuit seems certain to follow.

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Standing to Challenge Nonconstitutional Governmental Action

\[P. 669, \text{add to n.401:}\]

See also National Credit Union Admin. v. First Nat'l Bank & Trust Co., 522 U.S. 479 (1998), in which the Court found that a bank had standing to challenge an agency ruling expanding the role of employer credit unions to include multi-employer credit unions, despite a statutory limit that any such union could be of groups having a common bond of occupation or association. The Court held that a plaintiff did not have to show it was the congressional purpose to protect its interests. It is sufficient if the interest asserted is “arguably within the zone of interests to be protected ... by the statute.” Id. at 492 (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). But the Court divided 5 to 4 in applying the test. And see Bennett v. Spear, 520 U.S. 154 (1997).

\[P. 670, \text{add to n.405:}\]

But see Bennett v. Spear, 520 U.S. 154 (1997) (fact that “citizen suit” provision of Endangered Species Act is directed at empowering suits to further environmental concerns does not mean that suitor who alleges economic harm from enforcement of Act lacks standing); FEC v. Akins, 524 U.S. 11 (1998) (expansion of standing based on denial of access to information).

The Requirement of a Real Interest

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Declaratory Judgments

\[P. 674, \text{add to n.436:}\]


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Ripeness

\[P. 676, \text{add to n.449:}\]

For recent examples of lack of ripeness, see Ohio Forestry Ass'n v. Sierra Club, 523 U.S. 726 (1998); Texas v. United States, 523 U.S. 296 (1998).

\[P. 678, \text{add to n.457:}\]

In the context of ripeness to challenge agency regulations, as to which there is a presumption of available judicial remedies, the Court has long insisted that federal courts should be reluctant to review such regulations unless the effects of administrative action challenged have been felt in a concrete way by the challenging

\textsuperscript{25} 521 U.S. at 824-26.

—Mootness

[P. 679, add to n.462:]

Munsingwear had long stood for the proposition that the appropriate practice of the Court in a civil case that had become moot while on the way to the Court or after certiorari had been granted was to vacate or reverse and remand with directions to dismiss. But, in U.S. Bancorp Mortgage Co. v. Bonner Mall Partnership, 513 U.S. 18 (1994), the Court held that when mootness occurs because the parties have reached a settlement, vacatur of the judgment below is ordinarily not the best practice; instead, equitable principles should be applied so as to preserve a presumptively correct and valuable precedent, unless a court concludes that the public interest would be served by vacatur.

[PP. 679, add to n.463:]


[P. 680, add to n.466:]

Following Aladdin's Castle, the Court in Northeastern Fla. Ch., Assoc. Gen. Contractors v. City of Jacksonville, 508 U.S. 656, 660–63 (1993), held that when a municipal ordinance is repealed but replaced by one sufficiently similar so that the challenged action in effect continues, the case is not moot. But see id. at 669 (Justice O'Connor dissenting) (modification of ordinance more significant and case is mooted).

[P. 680, add to n.467:]

In Arizonans For Official English v. Arizona, 520 U.S. 43 (1997), a state employee attacking an English-only work requirement had standing at the time she brought the suit, but she resigned following a decision in the trial court, thus mooting the case before it was taken to the appellate court, which should not have acted to hear and decide it.

[P. 680, add to n.469:]


[P. 682, add to n.476 following Super Tire citation:]


—Retroactivity Versus Prospectivity

[P. 686, add to n.503:]

[P. 687, add to text following n.509:]

Apparently, the Court now has resolved this dispute, although the principal decision is a close 5 to 4 result. In Harper v. Virginia Dept of Taxation,26 the Court adopted the principle of the Griffith decision in criminal cases and disregarded the Chevron Oil approach in civil cases. Henceforth, in civil cases, the rule is: "When this Court applies a rule of federal law to the parties before it, that rule is the controlling interpretation of federal law and must be given full retroactive effect in all cases open on direct review and as to all events, regardless of whether such events predate or postdate our announcement of the rule."27 Four Justices continued to adhere to Chevron Oil, however,28 so that with one Justice each retired from the different sides one may not regard the issue as definitively settled.29

Political Questions
—The Doctrine Reappears

[P. 696, add to text following n.569:]

A challenge to the Senate's interpretation of and exercise of its impeachment powers was held to be nonjusticiable; there was a textually demonstrable commitment of the issue to the Senate, and there was a lack of judicially discoverable and manageable standards for resolving the issue.30

27Id. at 97. While the conditional language in this passage might suggest that the Court was leaving open the possibility that in some cases it might rule purely prospectively, not even applying its decision to the parties before it, other language belies that possibility. "This rule extends Griffith's ban against 'selective application of new rules.'" [Citing 479 U.S. at 323]. Inasmuch as Griffith rested in part on the principle that "the nature of judicial review requires that [the Court] adjudicate specific cases," Griffith, 479 U.S. at 322, deriving from Article III's case or controversy requirement for federal courts and forbidding federal courts from acting legislatively, the "Court has no more constitutional authority in civil cases than in criminal cases to disregard current law or to treat similarly situated litigants differently." 509 U.S. at 97 (quoting American Trucking, 496 U.S. at 214 (Justice Stevens dissenting)). The point is made more clearly in Justice Scalia's concurrence, in which he denounces all forms of nonretroactivity as "the handmaid of judicial activism." Id. at 105.
28Id. at 110 (Justice Kennedy, with Justice White, concurring); 113 (Justice O'Connor, with Chief Justice Rehnquist, dissenting). However, these Justices disagreed in this case about the proper application of Chevron Oil.
JUDICIAL REVIEW

Limitations on the Exercise of Judicial Review

—Stare Decisis in Constitutional Law

[P. 712, add to n.639:]

Recent discussions of and both applications of and refusals to apply stare decisis may be found in Hohn v. United States, 524 U.S. 236, 251–52 (1998), and id. at 1981–83 (Justice Scalia dissenting); State Oil Co. v. Khan, 522 U.S. 3, 20–2 (1997); Agostini v. Felton, 521 U.S. 203, 235–36 (1997), and id. at 523–54 (Justice Souter dissenting); United States v. IBM Corp., 517 U.S. 843, 854–56 (1996) (noting principles of following precedent and declining to consider overturning an old precedent when parties have not advanced arguments on the point), with which compare id. at 863 (Justice Kennedy dissenting) (arguing that the United States had presented the point and that the old case ought to be overturned); Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Pena, 515 U.S. 200, 231–35 (1996) (plurality opinion) (discussing stare decisis, citing past instances of overrulings, and overruling 1990 decision), with which compare the dissents, id. at 242, 264, 271; Seminole Tribe of Florida v. Florida, 517 U.S. 44, 61–73 (1996) (discussing policy of stare decisis, why it should not be followed with respect to a 1989 decision, and overruling that precedent), with which compare the dissents, id. at 76, 100. Justices Scalia and Thomas have argued for various departures from precedent. E.g., Oklahoma Tax Comm'n v. Jefferson Lines, Inc., 514 U.S. 175, 200–01 (1995) (Justice Scalia concurring) (negative commerce jurisprudence); Colorado Republican Campaign Comm. v. FEC, 518 U.S. 604, 631 (1996) (Justice Thomas concurring in part and dissenting in part) (rejecting framework of Buckley v. Valeo and calling for overruling of part of case). Compare id. at 626 (Court notes those issues not raised or argued).

JURISDICTION OF SUPREME COURT AND INFERIOR FEDERAL COURTS

Cases Arising Under the Constitution, Laws, and Treaties of the United States

—Pendent Jurisdiction

[P. 721, add to n.702:]


[P. 722, add to n.713:]

In City of Chicago v. International College of Surgeons, 522 U.S. 156 (1998), the Court, despite the absence of language making § 1367 applicable, held that the statute gave district courts jurisdiction over state-law claims in cases originating in state court and then removed to federal court.
Cases of Admiralty and Maritime Jurisdiction

—Admiralty and Maritime Cases

[P. 734, add to n.780:]

And see Grubart v. Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co., 513 U.S. 527 (1995), a tort claim arising out of damages allegedly caused by negligently driving piles from a barge into the riverbed, which weakened a freight tunnel that allowed flooding of the tunnel and the basements of numerous buildings along the Chicago River. The Court found that admiralty jurisdiction could be invoked. The location test was satisfied, because the barge, even though fastened to the river bottom, was a “vessel” for admiralty tort purposes; the two-part connection test was also satisfied, inasmuch as the incident had a potential to disrupt maritime commerce and the conduct giving rise to the incident had a substantial relationship to traditional maritime activity.

—Admiralty and Federalism

[P. 743, add to n.842:]

But in Yamaha Motor Corp. v. Calhoun, 516 U.S. 199 (1996), a case involving a death in territorial waters from a jet ski accident, the Court held that Moragne does not provide the exclusive remedy in cases involving the death in territorial waters of a “nonseafarer”—a person who is neither a seaman covered by the Jones Act nor a longshore worker covered by the LHWCA.

Cases to Which the United States Is a Party

—Immunity of the United States From Suit

[P. 747, add to n.863:]


Suits Between Two or More States

—Cases of Which the Court has Declined Jurisdiction

[P. 755, add to n.909:]

But in Mississippi v. Louisiana, 506 U.S. 73 (1992), the Court’s reluctance to exercise original jurisdiction ran afoul of the “uncompromising language” of 28 U.S.C. § 1251(a) giving the Court “original and exclusive jurisdiction” of these kinds of suits.

Controversies Between Citizens of Different States

—The Law Applied in Diversity Cases

[P. 772, add to text following n.1013:]

Some confusion has been injected into consideration of which law to apply—state or federal—in the absence of a federal statute.
or a Federal Rule of Civil Procedure. In an action for damages, the federal courts were faced with the issue of the application either of a state statute, which gave the appellate division of the state courts the authority to determine if an award is excessive or inadequate if it deviates materially from what would be reasonable compensation, or of a federal judicially-created practice of review of awards as so exorbitant that it shocked the conscience of the court. The Court determined that the state statute was both substantive and procedural, which would result in substantial variations between state and federal damage awards depending on whether the state or the federal approach was applied; it then followed the mode of analysis exemplified by those cases emphasizing the importance of federal courts reaching the same outcome as would the state courts, rather than what had been the prevailing standard, in which the Court balanced state and federal interests to determine which law to apply. Emphasis upon either approach to considerations of applying state or federal law reflects a continuing difficulty of accommodating “the constitutional power of the states to regulate the relations among their citizens ... [and] the constitutional power of the federal government to determine how its courts are to be operated.” Additional decisions will be required to determine which approach, if either, prevails.


POWER OF CONGRESS TO CONTROL THE FEDERAL COURTS

The Theory Reconsidered

A restrained reading of McCardle is strongly suggested by Felker v. Turpin, 518 U.S. 651 (1996). A 1996 congressional statute giving to federal courts of appeal a "gate-keeping" function over the filing of second or successive habeas petitions limited further review, including denying the Supreme Court appellate review of circuit court denials of motions to file second or successive habeas petitions. Pub. L. No. 104-132, § 106, 110 Stat. 1214, 1220, amending 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b). Upholding the limitation, which was nearly identical to the congressional action at issue in McCardle and Yerger, the Court held that its jurisdiction to hear appellate cases had been denied, but just as in Yerger the statute did not annul the Court’s jurisdiction to hear habeas petitions filed as original matters in the Supreme Court. No constitutional issue was thus presented.

31 Gasperini v. Center for Humanities, Inc., 518 U.S. 415 (1996). The decision was 5 to 4, so that the precedent may or may not be stable for future application.
FEDERAL-STATE COURT RELATIONS

Conflicts of Jurisdiction: Rules of Accommodation

—Abstention

[Pp. 798-99, add to n.1161:]

But in Quackenbush v. Allstate Ins. Co., 517 U.S. 706 (1996), an exercise in Burford abstention, the Court held that federal courts have power to dismiss or remand cases based on abstention principles only where relief being sought is equitable or otherwise discretionary but may not do so in common-law actions for damages.

[P. 803, change heading to:]

Conflicts of Jurisdiction: Federal Court Interference with State Courts

—Habeas Corpus: Scope of the Writ

[P. 816, add to n.1256:]


[P. 818, add to n.1268:]

In Bousley v. Brooks, 523 U.S. 614 (1998), a federal post-conviction relief case, petitioner had pled guilty to a federal firearms offense. Subsequently, the Supreme Court interpreted more narrowly the elements of the offense than had the trial court in Bousley's case. The Court held that Bousley by his plea had defaulted, but that he might be able to demonstrate "actual innocence" so as to excuse the default if he could show on remand that it was more likely than not that no reasonable juror would have convicted him of the offense, properly defined.

[P. 818, add to text following n.1270:]

The Court continues, with some modest exceptions, to construe habeas jurisdiction quite restrictively, but it has now been joined by new congressional legislation that is also restrictive. In Herrera v. Collins, the Court appeared, though ambiguously, to take the position that, while it requires a showing of actual innocence to permit a claimant to bring a successive or abusive petition, a claim of innocence is not alone sufficient to enable a claimant to obtain review of his conviction on habeas. Petitioners are entitled in federal habeas courts to show that they are imprisoned in violation of the Constitution, not to seek to correct errors of fact. But a claim of innocence does not bear on the constitutionality of one's convic-

tion or detention, and the execution of one claiming actual innocence would not itself violate the Constitution.\(^{36}\)

But, in Schlup v. Delo,\(^ {37}\) the Court adopted the plurality opinion of Kuhlmann v. Wilson and held that, absent a sufficient showing of "cause and prejudice," a claimant filing a successive or abusive petition must, as an initial matter, make a showing of "actual innocence" so as to fall within the narrow class of cases implicating a fundamental miscarriage of justice. The Court divided, however, with respect to the showing a claimant must make. One standard, found in some of the cases, was championed by the dissenters; "to show 'actual innocence' one must show by clear and convincing evidence that but for a constitutional error, no reasonable juror would have found the petitioner eligible for the death penalty."\(^ {38}\) The Court adopted a second standard, under which the petitioner must demonstrate that "a constitutional violation has probably resulted in the conviction of one who is actually innocent." To meet this burden, a claimant "must show that it is more likely than not that no reasonable juror would have convicted him in the light of the new evidence."\(^ {39}\)

In the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996,\(^ {40}\) Congress imposed tight new restrictions on successive or abusive petitions, including making the circuit courts "gatekeepers" in permitting or denying the filing of such petitions, with bars to appellate review of these decisions, provisions that in part were upheld in Felker v. Turpin.\(^ {41}\) An important new restriction on the authority of federal habeas courts is that found in the new law, which provides that a habeas court shall not grant a writ to any

\(^{36}\)Id. at 398–417. However, in a subsequent part of the opinion, the Court purports to reserve the question whether "a truly persuasive demonstration of 'actual innocence' made after trial would render the execution of a defendant unconstitutional," and it imposed a high standard for making this showing. Id. at 417–19. Justices Scalia and Thomas would have unequivocally held that "[t]here is no basis in text, tradition, or even in contemporary practice ... for finding in the Constitution a right to demand judicial consideration of newly discovered evidence of innocence brought forward after conviction." Id. at 427–28 (Concurring). However, it is not at all clear that all the Justices joining the Court believe innocence to be nondispositive on habeas. Id. at 419 (Justices O'Connor and Kennedy concurring), 429 (Justice White concurring).


\(^{38}\)Id. at 334 (Chief Justice Rehnquist dissenting, with Justices Kennedy and Thomas), 342 (Justice Scalia dissenting, with Justice Thomas). This standard was drawn from Sawyer v. Whitney, 505 U.S. 333 (1995).

\(^{39}\)513 U.S. at 327. This standard was drawn from Murray v. Carrier, 477 U.S. 478 (1986).


\(^{41}\)518 U.S. 651 (1996).
person in custody pursuant to a judgment of a state court "with respect to any claim that was adjudicated on the merits in State court proceedings unless the adjudication of the claim—(1) resulted in a decision that was contrary to, or involved an unreasonable application of, clearly established Federal law, as determined by the Supreme Court of the United States[."

42 The amended 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d) (emphasis supplied). On the constitutionality and application of this provision, see the various opinions in Lindh v. Murphy, 96 F.3d 856 (7th Cir. 1996) (en banc), rev'd on other grounds, 521 U.S. 320 (1997); Drinkard v. Johnson, 97 F.3d 751 (5th Cir. 1996), cert. denied, 520 U.S. 1107 (1997); Hall v. Washington, 106 F.3d 742 (7th Cir. 1997); O'Brien v. Dubois, 145 F.3d 16 (1st Cir. 1998); Green v. French, 143 F.3d 865 (4th Cir. 1998), cert. denied, 525 U.S. 1090 (1999).
ARTICLE IV

STATE CITIZENSHIP: PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

All Privileges and Immunities of Citizens in the Several States

[P. 874, add to n.194:]


Taxation

[P. 877, in text following n.215, add:]

The Court returned to the privileges-and-immunities restrictions upon disparate state taxation of residents and nonresidents in Lunding v. New York Tax Appeals Tribunal. In this case, the State denied nonresidents any deduction from taxable income for alimony payments, although it permitted residents to deduct such payments. While observing that approximate equality between residents and nonresidents was required by the clause, the Court acknowledged that precise equality was neither necessary nor in most instances possible. But it was required of the challenged State that it demonstrate a “substantial reason” for the disparity, and the discrimination must bear a “substantial relationship” to that reason. A State, under this analysis, may not deny nonresidents a general tax exemption provided to residents that would reduce their tax burdens, but it could limit specific expense deductions based on some relationship between the expenses and their in-state property or income. Here, the State flatly denied the exemption. Moreover, the Court rejected various arguments that had been presented, finding that most of those arguments, while they might support targeted denials or partial denials, simply reiterated the State’s contention that it need not afford any exemptions at all.

DOCTRINE OF THE EQUALITY OF STATES

[P. 885, add to text following n.276:]

Similarly, Indian treaty rights to hunt, fish, and gather on lands ceded to the Federal Government were not extinguished by statehood. These “usufructuary” rights were subject to reasonable

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2 522 U.S. at 298.
state regulation, and hence were not irreconcilable with state sovereignty over natural resources.\(^3\)

**Property Rights of States to Soil Under Navigable Waters**

[P. 887, delete last sentence of section]

\(^3\)Minnesota v. Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, 526 U.S. 172, 204–05 (1999) (overruling Ward v. Race Horse, 163 U.S. 504 (1896)).
ARTICLE VI

NATIONAL SUPREMACY

Obligation of State Courts Under the Supremacy Clause

[P. 921, add to n.20:]

The Court’s re-emphasis upon “dual federalism” has not altered this principle. See, e.g., Printz v. United States, 521 U.S. 898, 905-10 (1997).

Supremacy Clause Versus the Tenth Amendment

[P. 930, add to text at end of carryover paragraph:]

Expanding upon its anti-commandeering rule, the Court in Printz v. United States\(^1\) established “categorically” the rule that “[t]he Federal Government may not compel the States to enact or administer a federal regulatory program.”\(^2\) At issue in Printz was a provision of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, which required, pending the development by the Attorney General of a national system by which criminal background checks on prospective firearms purchasers could be conducted, the chief law enforcement officers of state and local governments to conduct background checks to ascertain whether applicants were ineligible to purchase handguns. Confronting the absence of any textual basis for a “categorical” rule, the Court looked to history, which in its view demonstrated a paucity of congressional efforts to impose affirmative duties upon the States.\(^3\) More important, the Court relied on the “structural Constitution” to demonstrate that the Constitution of 1787 had not taken from the States “a residuary and inviolable sovereignty,”\(^4\) that it had, in fact and theory, retained a system of “dual sovereignty”\(^5\) reflected in many things but most notably in the constitutional conferral “upon Congress of not all governmental powers, but only discrete, enumerated ones,” which was expressed in the Tenth Amendment. Thus, while it had earlier rejected the commandeering of legislative assistance, the Court now made clear that administrative officers and resources were also fenced off from federal power.

\(^1\)521 U.S. 898 (1997).
\(^2\)521 U.S. at 933 (internal quotation marks omitted) (quoting New York v. United States, 505 U.S. 144, 188 (1992)).
\(^3\)521 U.S. at 904-18. Notably, the Court expressly exempted from this rule the continuing role of the state courts in the enforcement of federal law. Id. at 905-08.
\(^4\)521 U.S. at 919 (quoting THE FEDERALIST NO. 39 (Madison)).
\(^5\)521 U.S. at 918.
The scope of the rule thus expounded was unclear. Particularly, Justice O'Connor in concurrence observed that Congress retained the power to enlist the States through contractual arrangements and on a voluntary basis. More pointedly, she stated that "the Court appropriately refrains from deciding whether other purely ministerial reporting requirements imposed by Congress on state and local authorities pursuant to its Commerce Clause powers are similarly invalid." 6

A partial answer was provided in Reno v. Condon,7 in which the Court upheld the Driver's Privacy Protection Act against a charge that it offended the anti-commandeering rule of New York and Printz. The Act in general limits disclosure and resale without a driver's consent of personal information contained in the records of state motor vehicle departments, and requires disclosure of that information for specified government record-keeping purposes. While conceding that the Act "will require time and effort on the part of state employees," the Court found this imposition permissible because the Act regulates state activities directly rather than requiring states to regulate private activities.8

The Doctrine of Federal Exemption From State Taxation

—Taxation of Government Contractors

[P. 935, add to n.118:]

Arizona Dept of Revenue v. Blaze Constr. Co., 526 U.S. 32 (1999) (the same rule applies when the contractual services are rendered on an Indian reservation).

—Taxation of Salaries of Employees of Federal Agencies

[P. 937, add to n.123:]


6521 U.S. at 936 (citing 42 U.S.C. § 5779(a) (requiring state and local law enforcement agencies to report cases of missing children to the Department of Justice)).


8120 S. Ct. at 672.
FIRST AMENDMENT

RELIGION

An Overview

—Court Tests Applied to Legislation Affecting Religion

[Pp. 973-74, change text following n.25 to read:]

and in several instances have not been applied at all by the Court.


[P. 974, change text following n.26 to read:] Nonetheless, the Court employed the Lemon tests in its most recent Establishment Clause decisions,¹ and it remains the case that those tests have served as the primary standard of Establishment Clause validity for the past three decades. However, other tests have also been formulated and used. Justice Kennedy has proffered “coercion” as an alternative test for violations of the Establishment Clause,² and the Court has used that test as the basis for decision from time to time.³ But that test has been criticized on the grounds it would eliminate a principal distinction between the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause and make

¹ Agostini v. Felton, 521 U.S. 203 (1997) (upholding under the Lemon tests the provision of remedial educational services by public school teachers to sectarian elementary and secondary school children on the premises of the sectarian schools); Santa Fe Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Doe, 120 S. Ct. 2266 (2000) (holding unconstitutional under the Lemon tests as well as under the coercion and endorsement tests a school district policy permitting high school students to decide by majority vote whether to have a student offer a prayer over the public address system prior to home football games); and Mitchell v. Helms, 120 S. Ct. 2530 (2000) (upholding under the Lemon tests a federally funded program providing instructional materials and equipment to public and private elementary and secondary schools, including sectarian schools).


the former a “virtual nullity.” Justice O'Connor has suggested “endorsement” as a clarification of the Lemon test, i.e., that the Establishment Clause is violated if the government intends its action to endorse or disapprove of religion or if a “reasonable observer” would perceive the government’s action as such an endorsement or disapproval; and the Court also has used this test for some of its decisions. But others have criticized the endorsement test as too amorphous to provide certain guidance. Justice O'Connor has also suggested that it may be inappropriate to try to shoehorn all Establishment Clause cases into one test and has called instead for recognition that different contexts may call for different approaches. In its two most recent Establishment Clause decisions, it might be noted, the Court employed all three tests in one decision and relied primarily on the Lemon tests in the other.

In interpreting and applying the Free Exercise Clause, the Court has consistently held religious beliefs to be absolutely immune from governmental interference. But it has used a number of standards to review government action restrictive of religiously motivated conduct, ranging from formal neutrality to clear and present danger to strict scrutiny. For cases of intentional government discrimination against religion, the Court still employs strict scrutiny. But for most other free exercise cases it has now...
reverted to a standard of formal neutrality. “[T]he right of free exercise,” it recently stated, “does not relieve an individual of the obligation to comply with a ‘valid and neutral law of general applicability on the ground the law proscribes (or prescribes) conduct that his religion prescribes (or proscribes).’”\textsuperscript{16}

**Establishment of Religion**

—Financial Assistance to Church-Related Institutions

[P. 979, replace the paragraph that begins after n.49 following its first two sentences:]

Since that time the Court has gradually adopted a more accommodating approach. It has upheld direct aid programs that have been of only marginal benefit to the religious mission of the recipient elementary and secondary schools, tax benefit and scholarship aid programs where the schools have received the assistance as the result of the independent decisions of the parents or students who initially receive the aid, and in its most recent decisions direct aid programs which substantially benefit the educational function of such schools. Indeed, in its most recent decisions the Court has overturned several of the most restrictive school aid precedents from its earlier jurisprudence. Throughout, the Court has allowed greater discretion with respect to aid programs benefiting religiously affiliated colleges and social services agencies.

[P. 979, add between the words “requirement” and “to” in the first sentence of the second paragraph:]

of the Lemon tripartite test

[P. 979, replace the text and accompanying footnotes between footnotes 50 and 60:]

The primary secular effect and no excessive entanglement aspects of the Lemon test, however, have proven much more divisive. As a consequence, the Court’s applications of these tests have not always been consistent, and the rules guiding their application have not always been easy to decipher. Moreover, in its most recent decisions the Court has substantially modified the strictures these tests have previously imposed on public aid to pervasively sectarian entities.

In applying the primary effect and excessive entanglement tests, the Court has drawn a distinction between public aid pro-

programs that directly aid sectarian entities and those that do so only indirectly. Aid provided directly, the Court has said, must be limited to secular use lest it have a primary effect of advancing religion. The Establishment Clause “absolutely prohibit[s] government-financed or government-sponsored indoctrination into the beliefs of a particular religious faith.”17 The government may provide direct support to the secular services and programs sponsored by religious entities, but it cannot directly subsidize such organizations’ religious activities or proselytizing.18 Thus, the Court has struck down as unconstitutional a program providing grants for the maintenance and repair of sectarian elementary and secondary school facilities, because the grants had no restrictions to prevent their use for such purposes as defraying the costs of building or maintaining chapels or classrooms in which religion is taught,19 and a program subsidizing field trip transportation for children attending sectarian elementary and secondary schools, because field trips are inevitably interwoven with the schools’ educational functions.20

But the Court has not imposed a secular use limitation on aid programs that benefit sectarian entities only indirectly, i.e., as the result of decisions by someone other than the government itself. The initial beneficiaries of the public aid must be determined on the basis of religiously neutral criteria, and they must have a genuine choice about whether to use the aid at sectarian or non-sectarian entities. But where those standards have been met, the Court has upheld indirect aid programs even though the sectarian institutions that ultimately benefit may use the aid for religious purposes. Thus, the Court has upheld a state program allowing taxpayers to take a deduction from their gross income for educational expenses, including tuition, incurred in sending their children to public or private schools, because the deduction was “available for educational expenses incurred by all parents” and the aid became available to sectarian schools “only as a result of numerous, private choices of individual parents of school-age children.”21 It has upheld for the same reasons a vocational rehabilitation program that made a grant to a blind person for training at a Bible college for a religious vocation22 and another program that pro-

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22Witters v. Washington Dept of Social Services, 474 U.S. 481 (1986). In this decision the Court also cited as important the factor that the program was not likely to provide “any significant portion of the aid expended under the … program” for religious education. Id. at 488.
vided a sign-language interpreter for a deaf student attending a sectarian secondary school. In contrast, the Court has struck down tax benefit and educational voucher programs where the initial beneficiaries have been limited largely to the universe of parents of children attending sectarian schools and where the aid, as a consequence, has been virtually certain to go to the sectarian schools.

In applying the primary effect and excessive entanglement tests, the Court has also drawn a distinction between religious institutions that are pervasively sectarian and those that are not. Organizations that are permeated by a religious purpose and character in all that they do have often been held by the Court to be constitutionally ineligible for direct public aid. Direct aid to religion-dominated institutions inevitably violates the primary effect test, the Court has said, because such aid generally cannot be limited to secular use in such entities and, as a consequence, it has a primary effect of advancing religion. Moreover, any effort to limit the use of public aid by such entities to secular use inevitably falls afoul of the excessive entanglement test, according to the Court, because the risk of diversion of the aid to religious use is so great that it necessitates an intrusive government monitoring. But direct aid to religious entities that are not pervasively sectarian, the Court has held, is constitutionally permissible, because the secular functions of such entities can be distinguished from their religious ones for purposes of public aid and because the risk of diversion of the aid to religious use is attenuated and does not require an intrusive government monitoring. As a practical matter, this distinction has had its most serious consequences for programs providing aid directly to sectarian elementary and secondary schools, because the Court has, until recently, presumed such schools to be pervasively sectarian and direct aid, as a consequence, to be severely limited. The Court has presumed to the contrary with respect to religiously-affiliated colleges, hospitals,

26 See cases cited in the preceding two footnotes.
and social services providers; and as a consequence it has found direct aid programs to such entities to be permissible.\textsuperscript{28}

In its most recent decisions the Court has modified both the primary effect and excessive entanglement prongs of the Lemon test as they apply to aid programs directly benefiting sectarian elementary and secondary schools; and in so doing it has overturned several prior decisions imposing tight constraints on such aid. In \textit{Agostini v. Felton}\textsuperscript{29} the Court, in a 5 to 4 decision, abandoned the presumptions that public school teachers giving instruction on the premises of sectarian elementary and secondary schools will be so affected by the religiosity of the environment that they will inculcate religion and that, consequently, an excessively entangling monitoring of their services is constitutionally necessary. In \textit{Mitchell v. Helms}\textsuperscript{30} in turn, it abandoned the presumptions that such schools are so pervasively sectarian that their secular educational functions cannot be differentiated from their religious educational functions and that direct aid to their educational functions, consequently, violates the Establishment Clause. In reaching these conclusions and upholding the aid programs in question, the Court overturned its prior decision in \textit{Aguilar v. Felton}\textsuperscript{31} and parts of its decisions in \textit{Meek v. Pittenger},\textsuperscript{32} \textit{Wolman v. Walter},\textsuperscript{33} and \textit{Grand Rapids School District v. Ball}.\textsuperscript{34}

Thus, the Court's jurisprudence concerning public aid to sectarian organizations has evolved over time, particularly as it concerns public aid to sectarian elementary and secondary schools. That evolution has given some uncertainty to the rules that apply to any given form of aid; and in both \textit{Agostini v. Felton}\textsuperscript{35} and \textit{Mitchell v. Helms}\textsuperscript{36} the Court left open the possibility of a further evolution in its thinking. Nonetheless, the cases give substantial guidance.

\textsuperscript{28}Bradfield v. Roberts, 175 U.S. 291 (1899) (public subsidy of the construction of a wing of a Catholic hospital on condition that it be used to provide care for the poor upheld); \textit{Tilton v. Richardson}, 403 U.S. 672 (1971) (program of grants to colleges, including religiously-affiliated ones, for the construction of academic buildings upheld); \textit{Roemer v. Maryland Bd. of Pub. Works}, 426 U.S. 736 (1976) (program of general purpose grants to colleges in the state, including religiously-affiliated ones, upheld); and \textit{Bowen v. Kendrick}, 487 U.S. 589 (1988) (program of grants to public and private nonprofit organizations, including religious ones, for the prevention of adolescent pregnancies upheld).

\textsuperscript{29}521 U.S. 203 (1997).
\textsuperscript{30}120 S. Ct. 2530 (2000).
\textsuperscript{31}473 U.S. 402 (1985).
\textsuperscript{32}421 U.S. 349 (1975).
\textsuperscript{33}433 U.S. 229 (1977).
\textsuperscript{34}473 U.S. 373 (1985).
\textsuperscript{35}521 U.S. 203 (1994).
\textsuperscript{36}120 S. Ct. 2530 (2000).
The Court’s more recent decisions, however, have rejected the reasoning and overturned the results of several of these decisions. In two rulings the Court reversed course with respect to the constitutionality of public school personnel providing educational services on the premises of pervasively sectarian schools. First, in Zobrest v. Catalina Foothills School District the Court held the public subsidy of a sign-language interpreter for a deaf student attending a parochial school to create no primary effect or entanglement problems. The payment did not relieve the school of an expense that it would otherwise have borne, the Court stated, and the interpreter had no role in selecting or editing the content of any of the lessons. Reviving the child benefit theory of its earlier cases, the Court said that “[t]he service at issue in this case is part of a general government program that distributes benefits neutrally to any child qualifying as ‘handicapped’ under the IDEA, without regard to the ‘sectarian-nonsectarian, or public-nonpublic nature’ of the school the child attends.”

Secondly, and more pointedly, the Court in Agostini v. Felton overturned both the result and the reasoning of its decision in Aguilar v. Felton striking down the Title I program as administered in New York City as well as the analogous parts of its decisions in Meek v. Pittenger and Grand Rapids School District v. Ball. The assumptions on which those decisions had rested, the Court explicitly stated, had been “undermined” by its more recent decisions. Decisions such as Zobrest and Witters v. Washington Department of Social Services, it said, had repudiated the notions that the placement of a public employee in a sectarian school creates an “impermissible symbolic link” between government and religion, that “all government aid that directly aids the educational function of religious schools” is constitutionally forbidden, that public teachers in a sectarian school necessarily pose a serious risk of inculcating religion, and that “pervasive monitoring of [such] teachers is required.” The proper criterion under the primary effect prong of the Lemon test, the Court asserted, is religious neutrality, i.e., whether “aid is allocated on the basis of neutral, secular criteria that neither favor nor disfavor religion, and is made available to both religious and secular beneficiaries on a nondiscriminatory
basis."\(^{43}\) Finding the Title I program to meet that test, the Court concluded that “accordingly, we must acknowledge that Aguilar, as well as the portion of Ball addressing Grand Rapids' Shared Time program, are no longer good law.”\(^{44}\)

Most recently, in Mitchell v. Helms\(^{45}\) the Court abandoned the presumptions that religious elementary and secondary schools are so pervasively sectarian that they are constitutionally ineligible to participate in public aid programs directly benefiting their educational functions and that direct aid to such institutions must be subject to an intrusive and constitutionally fatal monitoring. At issue in the case was a federal program providing funds to local educational agencies to provide instructional materials and equipment such as computer hardware and software, library books, movie projectors, television sets, VCRs, laboratory equipment, maps, and cassette recordings to public and private elementary and secondary schools. Virtually identical programs had previously been held unconstitutional by the Court in Meek v. Pittenger\(^{46}\) and Wolman v. Walter.\(^{47}\) But in this case the Court overturned those decisions and held the program to be constitutional.

The Justices could agree on no majority opinion in Mitchell but instead joined in three different opinions. The opinions of Justice Thomas, joined by Chief Justice Rehnquist and Justices Scalia and Kennedy, and of Justice O'Connor, joined by Justice Breyer, found the program constitutional. They agreed that to pass muster under the primary effect prong of the Lemon test direct public aid has to be secular in nature and distributed on the basis of religiously neutral criteria. They also agreed, in contrast to past rulings, that sectarian elementary and secondary schools should not be deemed constitutionally ineligible for direct aid on the grounds their secular educational functions are “inextricably intertwined” with their religious educational functions, i.e., that they are pervasively sectarian. But their rationales for the program's constitutionality then diverged. For Justice Thomas it was sufficient that the instructional

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\(^{43}\) In Agostini the Court nominally eliminated entanglement as a separate prong of the Lemon test. “[T]he factors we use to assess whether an entanglement is 'excessive,'” the Court stated, “are similar to the factors we use to examine 'effect.'” Thus, it concluded, “it is simplest to recognize why entanglement is significant and treat it—as we did in Walz—as an aspect of the inquiry into a statute's effect.” Agostini v. Felton, supra, at 232, 233.

\(^{44}\) Justice Souter, joined by Justices Stevens and Ginsburg, dissented from the Court's ruling, contending that the Establishment Clause mandates a “flat ban on [the] subsidization” of religion (521 U.S. at 243) and that the Court’s contention that recent cases had undermined the reasoning of Aguilar was a “mistaken reading” of the cases. Id. at 248. Justice Breyer joined in the second dissenting argument.


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materials were secular in nature and were distributed according to neutral criteria. It made no difference whether the schools used the aid for purposes of religious indoctrination or not. But that was not sufficient for Justice O'Connor. She adhered to the view that direct public aid has to be limited to secular use by the recipient institutions. She further asserted that a limitation to secular use could be honored by the teachers in the sectarian schools and that the risk that the aid would be used for religious purposes was not so great as to require an intrusive and entangling government monitoring.

Justice Souter, joined by Justices Stevens and Ginsburg, dissented on the grounds the Establishment Clause bars “aid supporting a sectarian school’s religious exercise or the discharge of its religious mission.” Adhering to the “substantive principle of no aid” first articulated in the Everson case, he contended that direct aid to pervasively sectarian institutions inevitably results in the diversion of the aid for purposes of religious indoctrination. He further argued that the aid in this case had been so diverted.

As the opinion upholding the program’s constitutionality on the narrowest grounds, Justice O’Connor’s opinion provides the most current guidance on the standards governing the constitutionality of aid programs directly benefiting sectarian elementary and secondary schools.

[P. 987, replace the first sentence of the first full paragraph:] The limits of the Nyquist holding were clarified in 1983.

[P. 988, add to n.92:]

Similar reasoning led the Court to rule that provision of a sign-language interpreter to a deaf student attending a parochial school is permissible as part of a neutral program offering such services to all students regardless of what school they attend. Zobrest v. Catalina Foothills Sch. Dist., 509 U.S. 1 (1993). The interpreter, the Court noted additionally, merely transmits whatever material is presented, and neither adds to nor subtracts from the school’s sectarian environment. Id. at 13.

—Governmental Encouragement of Religion in Public Schools: Prayers and Bible Reading


Justice O’Connor also cited several other factors as “sufficient” to ensure the program’s constitutionality, without saying whether they were “constitutionally necessary”—that the aid supplemented rather than supplanted the school’s educational functions, that no funds ever reached the coffers of the sectarian schools, and that there were various administrative regulations in place providing for some degree of monitoring of the schools’ use of the aid.
In Santa Fe Independent School District v. Doe the Court held a school district’s policy permitting high school students to vote on whether to have an “invocation and/or prayer” delivered prior to home football games by a student elected for that purpose to violate the Establishment Clause. It found the policy to violate each one of the tests it has formulated for Establishment Clause cases. The preference given for an “invocation” in the text of the school district’s policy, the long history of pre-game prayer led by a student “chaplain” in the school district, and the widespread perception that “the policy is about prayer,” the Court said, made clear that its purpose was not secular but was to preserve a popular state-sponsored religious practice in violation of the first prong of the Lemon test. Moreover, it said, the policy violated the coercion test by forcing unwilling students into participating in a religious exercise. Some students—the cheerleaders, the band, football players—had to attend, it noted, and others were compelled to do so by peer pressure. “The constitutional command will not permit the District ‘to exact religious conformity from a student as the price of joining her classmates at a varsity football game’,” the Court held. Finally, it said, the speech sanctioned by the policy was not private speech but government-sponsored speech that would be perceived as government endorsement of religion. The long history of pre-game prayer, the bias toward religion in the policy itself, the fact that the message would be “delivered to a large audience assembled as part of a regularly scheduled, school-sponsored function conducted on school property” and over the school’s public address system, the Court asserted, all meant that the speech was not genuine private speech but would be perceived as “stamped with the school’s seal of approval.” The Court concluded that “the policy is invalid on its face because it establishes an improper majoritarian election on religion, and unquestionably has the purpose and creates the perception of encouraging the delivery of prayer at a series of important school events.”

—Access of Religious Groups to School Property

Similarly, public schools may not rely on the Establishment Clause as grounds to discriminate against religious groups in after-hours use of school property otherwise available for non-religious

\[49\] 120 S. Ct. 2266 (2000).
social, civic, and recreational purposes; nor may public colleges exclude student religious organizations from benefits otherwise provided to a full spectrum of student “news, information, opinion, entertainment, or academic communications media groups.” These cases make clear that the Establishment Clause does not necessarily trump the First Amendment’s protection of freedom of speech; in regulating private speech in a public forum, government may not justify discrimination against religious viewpoints as necessary to avoid creating an “establishment” of religion.

—Religion in Governmental Observances

[P. 1002, add new heading following n.163:]

Religious Displays on Government Property

[P. 1004, add new paragraph following n.174:]

In Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board v. Pinette, the Court distinguished privately sponsored from governmentally sponsored religious displays on public property. There the Court ruled that Ohio violated free speech rights by refusing to allow the Ku Klux Klan to display an unattended cross during the Christmas season in a publicly owned plaza outside the Ohio Statehouse. Because the plaza was a public forum in which the State had allowed a broad range of speakers and a variety of unattended displays, the State could regulate the expressive content of such speeches and displays only if the restriction was necessary, and narrowly drawn, to serve a compelling state interest. The Court recognized that compliance with the Establishment Clause can be a sufficiently compelling reason to justify content-based restrictions on speech,
but saw no need to apply this principle when permission to display a religious symbol is granted through the same procedures, and on the same terms, required of other private groups seeking to convey non-religious messages.

—Miscellaneous

[P. 1005, add to text at end of section:]

Using somewhat similar reasoning, the Court in Board of Education of Kiryas Joel Village v. Grumet, invalidated a New York law creating a special school district for an incorporated village composed exclusively of members of one small religious sect. The statute failed “the test of neutrality,” the Court concluded, since it delegated power “to an electorate defined by common religious belief and practice, in a manner that fails to foreclose religious favoritism.” It was the “anomalously case-specific nature of the legislature’s exercise of authority” that left the Court “without any direct way to review such state action” for conformity with the neutrality principle. Because the village did not receive its governmental authority simply as one of many communities eligible under a general law, the Court explained, there was no way of knowing whether the legislature would grant similar benefits on an equal basis to other religious and non-religious groups.

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[P. 1007, add to n.188:]

Board of Educ. of Kiryas Joel Village v. Grumet, 512 U.S. 687, 706-07 (1994) (“accommodation is not a principle without limits; one limitation is that “neutrality as among religions must be honored”).

—The Jehovah’s Witnesses Cases

[P. 1010, add to n.201:]


\footnote{512 U.S. 687 (1994). Only four Justices (Souter, Blackmun, Stevens, and Ginsburg) thought that the Grendel’s Den principle applied; in their view the distinction that the delegation was to a village electorate rather than to a religious body “lack[ed] constitutional significance” under the peculiar circumstances of the case.}
Free Exercise Exemption From General Governmental Requirements

This much was made clear by Church of the Lukumi Babalu Aye v. City of Hialeah, 508 U.S. 520 (1993), striking down a city ordinance that prohibited ritual animal sacrifice but that allowed other forms of animal slaughter.

That the Court views the principle as a general one, not limited to criminal laws, seems evident from its restatement in Church of the Lukumi Babalu Aye v. City of Hialeah: “Our cases establish the general proposition that a law that is neutral and of general application need not be justified by a compelling governmental interest even if the law has the incidental effect of burdening a particular religious practice.”

Because of the broad ramifications of Smith, the political processes were soon utilized in an attempt to provide additional legislative protection for religious exercise. In the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (RFRA), Congress sought to supersede Smith and substitute a statutory rule of decision for free exercise cases. The Act provided that laws of general applicability—federal, state, and local—may substantially burden free exercise of religion only if they further a compelling governmental interest and constitute the least restrictive means of doing so. The purpose, Congress declared in the Act itself, was “to restore the compelling interest test as set forth in Sherbert v. Verner and Wisconsin v. Yoder and to guarantee its application in all cases where free exercise of religion is substantially burdened.”

But this legislative effort was partially frustrated in 1997 when the Court in City of Boerne v. Flores held the Act to be unconstitutional as applied to the States, 6 to 3. In applying RFRA to the States Congress had utilized its power under § 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment to enact “appropriate legislation” to enforce the substantive protections of the Amendment, including the religious liberty protections incorporated in the Due Process Clause. But the Court held that RFRA

56 Pub. L. No. 103–141, § 2(b)(1) (citations omitted). Congress also avowed a purpose of providing “a claim or defense to persons whose religious exercise is substantially burdened by government.” § 2(b)(2).
exceeded Congress’ power under § 5, because the measure did not simply enforce a constitutional right but substantively altered that right. “Congress,” the Court said, “does not enforce a constitutional right by changing what the right is.” Moreover, it said, RFRA “reflects a lack of proportionality or congruence between the means adopted and the legitimate end to be achieved . . . [and] is a considerable congressional intrusion into the States’ traditional prerogatives and general authority to regulate for the health and welfare of their citizens.” “RFRA,” the Court concluded, “contradicts vital principles necessary to maintain separation of powers and the federal balance.”

Boerne does not close the books on Smith, however. It remains an open issue whether RFRA remains valid as applied to the Federal Government, and Congress has already used powers other than § 5 to try to re-apply a strict scrutiny standard to the States. These issues ensure continuing litigation over the appropriate test for free exercise cases.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION—SPEECH AND PRESS

Adoption and the Common Law Background

The First Amendment by its terms applies only to laws enacted by Congress, and not to the actions of private persons. This leads to a “state action” (or “governmental action”) limitation similar to that applicable to the Fourteenth Amendment. The limitation has seldom been litigated in the First Amendment context, but there is no obvious reason why analysis should differ markedly from Fourteenth Amendment state action analysis. Both contexts

58 521 U.S. at 519.
59 521 U.S. at 533–34.
60 521 U.S. at 536.
61 Late in the second session of the 106th Congress, the House and the Senate passed, and President Clinton signed into law, the “Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000.” The Act utilizes Congress’ spending power and its power over interstate commerce to impose a strict scrutiny test on state and local zoning and landmarking laws and regulations which impose a substantial burden on an individual’s or institution’s exercise of religion. It utilizes the same powers to impose a strict scrutiny test on state and local governments for any substantial burdens they impose on the exercise of religion by persons in state or locally run institutions such as prisons, mental hospitals, juvenile detention facilities, and nursing homes. See Pub. L. No. 106–274 (2000).
62 See, e.g., In re Young, 141 F.3d 854 (8th Cir.), cert. denied, 525 U.S. 811 (1998) (lower court held RFRA to be constitutional as applied to federal bankruptcy law).
63 Through interpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment, the prohibition extends to the States as well. See discussion on incorporation, main text, pp. 957–64.
64 See discussion on state action, main text, pp. 1786-1802.
require "cautious analysis of the quality and degree of Government relationship to the particular acts in question."\(^{65}\) In holding that the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) is a governmental entity for purposes of the First Amendment, the Court declared that "[t]he Constitution constrains governmental action 'by whatever instruments or in whatever modes that action may be taken.' ... [a]nd under whatever congressional label."\(^{66}\) The relationship of the government to broadcast licensees affords other opportunities to explore the breadth of "governmental action."\(^{67}\)

The Doctrine of Prior Restraint

—Obscenity and Prior Restraint

[\(\text{P. 1033, add to n.69:}\)]

But cf. Alexander v. United States, 509 U.S. 544 (1993) (RICO forfeiture of the entire adult entertainment book and film business of an individual convicted of obscenity and racketeering offenses, based on the predicate acts of selling four magazines and three videocassettes, does not constitute a prior restraint and is not invalid as "chilling" protected expression that is not obscene).

Freedom of Belief

—Flag Salute Cases

[\(\text{P. 1054, add to n.177:}\)]

The First Amendment does not preclude the Government from "compel[ling] financial contributions that are used to fund advertising," provided such contributions do not finance "political or ideological" views. Glickman v. Wileman Bros. & Elliott, Inc., 521 U.S. 457, 471, 472 (1997) (upholding Secretary of Agriculture's marketing orders that assessed fruit producers to cover the expenses of generic advertising of California fruit). Nor does the First Amendment preclude a public university from charging its students an activity fee that is used to support student organizations that engage in extracurricular speech, provided the money is allocated to those


\(^{66}\) Lebron v. National R.R. Passenger Corp., 513 U.S. 374, 392 (1995) (quoting Ex parte Virginia, 100 U.S. 339, 346-47 (1880)). The Court refused to be bound by the statement in Amtrak's authorizing statute that the corporation is "not ... an agency or establishment of the United States Government." This assertion can be effective "only for purposes of matters that are within Congress' control," the Court explained. "If it is not for Congress to make the final determination of Amtrak's status as a governmental entity for purposes of determining the constitutional rights of citizens affected by its actions." 513 U.S. at 392.

\(^{67}\) In CBS v. Democratic Nat'l Comm., 412 U.S. 94 (1973), the Court held that a broadcast licensee could refuse to carry a paid editorial advertisement. Chief Justice Burger, joined only by Justices Stewart and Rehnquist in that portion of his opinion, reasoned that a licensee's refusal to accept such an ad did not constitute "governmental action" for purposes of the First Amendment. "The First Amendment does not reach acts of private parties in every instance where the Congress or the [Federal Communications] Commission has merely permitted or failed to prohibit such acts." 412 U.S. at 119.

—Imposition of Consequences for Holding Certain Beliefs

[P. 1054, add to n.181 following citation to Barclay v. Florida:] Wisconsin v. Mitchell, 508 U.S. 476 (1993) (criminal sentence may be enhanced because the defendant intentionally selected his victim on account of the victim’s race),

Right of Association

[P. 1061, add new paragraph to text at end of section:] When application of a public accommodations law was viewed as impinging on an organization’s ability to present its message, the Court found a First Amendment violation. Massachusetts could not require the private organizers of Boston’s St. Patrick’s Day parade to allow a group of gays and lesbians to march as a unit proclaiming its members’ gay and lesbian identity, the Court held in Hurley v. Irish-American Gay Group. To do so would require parade organizers to promote a message they did not wish to promote. The Roberts and New York City cases were distinguished as not involving “a trespass on the organization’s message itself.”

Those cases stood for the proposition that the State could require equal access for individuals to what was considered the public benefit of organization membership. But even if individual access to the parade might similarly be mandated, the Court reasoned, the gay group “could nonetheless be refused admission as an expressive contingent with its own message just as readily as a private club could exclude an applicant whose manifest views were at odds with a position taken by the club’s existing members.”

In Boy Scouts of America v. Dale, the Court held that application of New Jersey’s public accommodations law to require the Boy Scouts of America to admit an avowed homosexual as an adult member violated the organization’s First Amendment associational rights. Citing Hurley, the Court held that “[t]he forced inclusion of an unwanted person in a group infringes the group’s freedom of expressive association if the presence of that person affects in a significant way the group’s ability to advocate public or private viewpoints.” The Boy Scouts, the Court found, engages in expressive
activity in seeking to transmit a system of values, which include being "morally straight" and "clean." The Court "accept[ed] the Boy Scouts' assertion" that the organization teaches that homosexual conduct is not morally straight. The Court also gave "deference to [the] association's view of what would impair its expression." Allowing a gay rights activist to serve in the Scouts would "force the organization to send a message . . . that the Boy Scouts accepts homosexual conduct as a legitimate form of behavior."

—Political Association

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In 1996 the Court extended Elrod and Branti to protect independent government contractors.]

Particular Governmental Regulations Which Restrict Expression

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—Government as Employer: Political and Other Outside Activities]

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The Hatch Act cases were distinguished in United States v. National Treasury Employees Union, in which the Court struck down an honoraria ban as applied to lower-level employees of the Federal Government. The honoraria ban suppressed employees' right to free expression while the Hatch Act sought to protect that right, and also there was no evidence of improprieties in acceptance of honoraria by members of the plaintiff class of federal employees. The Court emphasized further difficulties with the "crudely crafted" honoraria ban: it was limited to expressive activities and had no application to other sources of outside income, it applied...]

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73 120 S. Ct. at 2452.
74 120 S. Ct. at 2453.
75 120 S. Ct. at 2453.
76 120 S. Ct. at 2454.
77 O'Hare Truck Serv., Inc. v. City of Northlake, 518 U.S. 712 (1996) (allegation that city removed petitioner's company from list of those offered towing business on a rotating basis, in retaliation for petitioner's refusal to contribute to mayor's campaign, and for his support of mayor's opponent, states a cause of action under the First Amendment). See also Board of County Comm'nrs v. Umbehr, 518 U.S. 668 (1996) (termination or non-renewal of a public contract in retaliation for the contractor's speech on a matter of public concern can violate the First Amendment).
79 The plaintiff class consisted of all Executive Branch employees below grade GS-16. Also covered by the ban were senior executives, Members of Congress, and other federal officers, but the possibility of improprieties by these groups did not justify application of the ban to "the vast rank and file of federal employees below grade GS-16."
when neither the subjects of speeches and articles nor the persons or groups paying for them bore any connection to the employee's job responsibilities, and it exempted a "series" of speeches or articles without also exempting individual articles and speeches. These "anomalies" led the Court to conclude that the "speculative benefits" of the ban were insufficient to justify the burdens it imposed on expressive activities.80

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**Government as Employer: Free Expression Generally**

[P. 1089, add to text following n.113:]

The protections applicable to government employees have been extended to independent government contractors, the Court announcing that "the Pickering balancing test, adjusted to weigh the government's interests as contractor rather than as employer, determines the extent of their protection."81

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In Waters v. Churchill, 511 U.S. 661 (1994), the Court grappled with what procedural protections may be required by the First Amendment when public employees are dismissed on speech-related grounds, but reached no consensus.

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**Government as Regulator of the Electoral Process: Elections**

[P. 1095, add to text following n.143:]

Minnesota, however, could prohibit a candidate from appearing on the ballot as the candidate of more than one party.82 The Court wrote that election "[r]egulations imposing severe burdens on plaintiffs' [associational] rights must be narrowly tailored and advance a compelling state interest. Lesser burdens, however, trigger less exacting review, and a State's important regulatory interests will usually be enough to justify reasonable nondiscriminatory restrictions."83 Minnesota's ban on "fusion" candidates was not severe, as it left a party that could not place another party's candidate on the ballot free to communicate its preference for that candidate by other means, and the ban was justified by "valid state interests in ballot integrity and political stability."84

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[P. 1097, add to n.150:]

See also Colorado Republican Campaign Comm. v. FEC, 518 U.S. 604 (1996) (the First Amendment bars application of the Party Expenditure Provision of the

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80 513 U.S. at 477.
81 Board of County Comm'rs v. Umbehr, 518 U.S. 668, 673 (1996).
83 520 U.S. at 358 (internal quotation marks omitted).
84 520 U.S. at 369–70.
Federal Election Campaign Act, 2 U.S.C. § 441a(d)(3), to expenditures that the political party makes independently, without coordination with the candidate).

[P. 1098, add to text following n.155:]

In Nixon v. Shrink Missouri Government PAC,85 the Court held that Buckley v. Valeo "is authority for state limits on contributions to state political candidates," but state limits "need not be pegged to Buckley's dollars."86 The Court in Nixon justified the limits on contributions on the same grounds that it had in Buckley: "preventing corruption and the appearance of it that flows from munificent campaign contributions."87 Further, Nixon did "not present a close call requiring further definition of whatever the State's evidentiary obligation may be" to justify the contribution limits, as "there is little reason to doubt that sometimes large contributions will work actual corruption of our political system, and no reason to question the existence of a corresponding suspicion among voters."88 As for the amount of the contribution limits, Missouri's fluctuated in accordance with the consumer price index, and, when suit was filed, ranged from $275 to $1,075, depending on the state office or size of constituency. The Court upheld these limits, writing that, in Buckley, it had "rejected the contention that $1,000, or any other amount, was a constitutional minimum below which legislatures could not regulate."89 The relevant inquiry, rather, was "whether the contribution limitation was so radical in effect as to render political association ineffective, drive the sound of a candidate's voice below the level of notice, and render contributions pointless."90

[P. 1098, add to n.157:]

The Court subsequently struck down a Colorado statute that required ballot-initiative proponents, if they pay circulators, to file reports disclosing circulators' names and addresses and the total amount paid to each circulator. Buckley v. American Constitutional Law Found., 525 U.S. 182 (1999). Although the Court upheld a requirement that proponents' names and the total amount they have spent to collect signatures be disclosed, as this served "as a control or check on domination of the initiative process by affluent special interest groups" (id. at 202), it found that "the added benefit of revealing the names of paid circulators and the amounts paid to each circulator ... is hardly apparent and has not been demonstrated." Id. at 203. The Court also struck down a requirement that circulators be registered voters, as the state's interest in ensuring that circulators would be amenable to subpoenas was served by the requirement that they be residents—a requirement on which the Court had no occasion to rule.

85 120 S. Ct. 897 (2000).
86 120 S. Ct. at 901.
87 120 S. Ct. at 905.
88 120 S. Ct. at 907-08.
89 120 S. Ct. at 909.
90 120 S. Ct. at 909.
—Government and Power of the Purse

In National Endowment for the Arts v. Finley, the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of a federal statute requiring the NEA, in awarding grants, to “tak[e] into consideration general standards of decency and respect for the diverse beliefs and values of the American public.”91 The Court acknowledged that, if the statute were “applied in a manner that raises concern about the suppression of disfavored viewpoints,”92 then such application might be unconstitutional. The statute on its face, however, is constitutional because it “imposes no categorical requirement,” being merely “advisory.”93 “Any content-based considerations that may be taken into account in the grant-making process are a consequence of the nature of arts funding .... The ‘very assumption’ of the NEA is that grants will be awarded according to the ‘artistic worth of competing applications,’ and absolute neutrality is simply ‘inconceivable.’”94 The Court also found that the terms of the statute, “if they appeared in a criminal statute or regulatory scheme, ... could raise substantial vagueness concerns .... But when the Government is acting as patron rather than as sovereign, the consequences of imprecision are not constitutionally severe.”95

Governmental Regulation of Communications Industries

—Commercial Speech

Shapero was distinguished in Florida Bar v. Went For It, Inc., 515 U.S. 618 (1995), a 5 to 4 decision upholding a prohibition on targeted direct-mail solicitations to victims and their relatives for a 30-day period following an accident or disaster. “Shapero dealt with a broad ban on all direct mail solicitations” (id. at 629), the Court explained, and was not supported, as Florida’s more limited ban was, by findings describing the harms to be prevented by the ban. Dissenting Justice Kennedy disagreed that there was a valid distinction, pointing out that in Shapero the Court had said that “the mode of communication [mailings versus potentially more abusive in-person solicitation] makes all the difference,” and that mailings were at issue in both Shapero and Florida Bar. 515 U.S. at 637 (quoting Shapero, 486 U.S. at 475).

Footnotes:
92 524 U.S. at 587.
93 524 U.S. at 581. Justice Scalia, in a concurring opinion joined by Justice Thomas, claimed that this interpretation of the statute “gutted it.” Id. at 590. He believed that the statute “establishes content- and viewpoint-based criteria upon which grant applications are to be evaluated. And that is perfectly constitutional.” Id.
94 524 U.S. at 585.
95 524 U.S. at 588-89.
[P. 1116, add to text following n.13:]

or prohibit a certified public accountant from holding herself out as a certified financial planner. 96

[P. 1116, add to text following n.14:]

The Court later refused, however, to extend this principle to in-person solicitation by certified public accountants, explaining that CPAs, unlike attorneys, are not professionally "trained in the art of persuasion," and that the typical business executive client of a CPA is "far less susceptible to manipulation" than was the accident victim in Ohralik. 97 To allow enforcement of such a broad prophylactic rule absent identification of a serious problem such as ambulance chasing, the Court explained, would dilute commercial speech protection "almost to nothing." 98

[P. 1117, delete last two sentences of paragraph continued from p. 1116, and substitute the following:]

The Court has developed a four-pronged test to measure the validity of restraints upon commercial expression.

[P. 1117, add to n.19 following San Francisco Arts & Athletics citation:]


[P. 1118, add to n.20 following Bolger citation:]

Rubin v. Coors Brewing Co., 514 U.S. 476 (1995) (prohibition on display of alcohol content on beer labels does not directly and materially advance government's interest in curbing strength wars among brewers, given the inconsistencies and "overall irrationality" of the regulatory scheme); Edenfield v. Fane, 507 U.S. 761 (1993) (Florida's ban on in-person solicitation by certified public accountants does not directly advance its legitimate interests in protecting consumers from fraud, protecting consumer privacy, and maintaining professional independence from clients).

[P. 1118, add to text following n.20:]

Instead, the regulation must "directly advance" the governmental interest. The Court resolves this issue with reference to ag-
aggregate effects, and does not limit its consideration to effects on the challenging litigant.99

[P. 1118, add to n.21 following Bolger citation:]

Rubin v. Coors Brewing Co., 514 U.S. 476 (1995) (there are less intrusive alternatives—e.g., direct limitations on alcohol content of beer—to prohibition on display of alcohol content on beer label).

[P. 1118, add to n.22:]

In a 1993 opinion the Court elaborated on the difference between “reasonable fit” and least restrictive alternative. “A regulation need not be ‘absolutely the least severe that will achieve the desired end,’ but if there are numerous and obvious less-burdensome alternatives to the restriction . . . , that is certainly a relevant consideration in determining whether the ‘fit’ between ends and means is reasonable.” City of Cincinnati v. Discovery Network, Inc., 507 U.S. 410, 417 n.13 (1993).

[P. 1118, delete remainder of section after n.22, and add the following:]

The “reasonable fit” standard has some teeth, the Court made clear in City of Cincinnati v. Discovery Network, Inc.,100 striking down a city’s prohibition on distribution of “commercial handbills” through freestanding newsracks located on city property. The city’s aesthetic interest in reducing visual clutter was furthered by reducing the total number of newsracks, but the distinction between prohibited “commercial” publications and permitted “newspapers” bore “no relationship whatsoever” to this legitimate interest.101 The city could not, the Court ruled, single out commercial speech to bear the full onus when “all newsracks, regardless of whether they contain commercial or noncommercial publications, are equally at fault.”102 By contrast, the Court upheld a federal law that prohibited broadcast of lottery advertisements by a broadcaster in a State that prohibits lotteries, while allowing broadcast of such ads by stations in States that sponsor lotteries. There was a “reasonable fit” between the restriction and the asserted federal interest in supporting state anti-gambling policies without unduly interfering with policies of neighboring States that promote lotteries.103 The prohibition “directly served” the congressional interest, and could

99 United States v. Edge Broadcasting Co., 509 U.S. 418, 427 (1993) (“this question cannot be answered by limiting the inquiry to whether the governmental interest is directly advanced as applied to a single person or entity”).

100 507 U.S. 410 (1993). See also Edenfield v. Fane, 507 U.S. 761 (1993), decided the same Term, relying on the “directly advance” third prong of Central Hudson to strike down a ban on in-person solicitation by certified public accountants.

101 507 U.S. at 424.

102 507 U.S. at 426. The Court also noted the “minute” effect of removing 62 “commercial” newsracks while 1,500 to 2,000 other newsracks remained in place. Id. at 418.

be applied to a broadcaster whose principal audience was in an ad-
joining lottery State, and who sought to run ads for that State's lot-
tery.104

In 1999 the Court struck down a provision of the same statute
as applied to advertisements for private casino gambling that are
broadcast by radio and television stations located in a State where
such gambling is legal.105 The Court emphasized the interrelated-
ness of the four parts of the Central Hudson test; e.g., though the
government has a substantial interest in reducing the social costs
of gambling, the fact that the Congress has simultaneously encour-
aged gambling, because of its economic benefits, makes it more
difficult for the government to demonstrate that its restriction on
commercial speech materially advances its asserted interest and
constitutes a reasonable “fit.” In this case, “[t]he operation of [18
U.S.C.] § 1304 and its attendant regulatory regime is so pierced by
exemptions and inconsistencies that the Government cannot hope
to exonerate it.”106 “[T]he regulation distinguishes among the in-
distinct, permitting a variety of speech that poses the same risks
the Government purports to fear, while banning messages unlikely
to cause any harm at all.”107

In a 1986 decision the Court had asserted that “the greater
power to completely ban casino gambling necessarily includes the
lesser power to ban advertising of casino gambling.”108 Subse-
sequently, however, the Court has eschewed reliance on Posadas,109
and it seems doubtful that the Court would again embrace the
broad principle that government may ban all advertising of an ac-
tivity that it permits but has power to prohibit. Indeed, the Court’s
very holding in 44 Liquormart, Inc. v. Rhode Island,110 striking
down the State's ban on advertisements that provide truthful infor-
mation about liquor prices, is inconsistent with the general propo-
sition. A Court plurality in 44 Liquormart squarely rejected Posa-

104 508 U.S. at 428.
105 Greater New Orleans Broadcasting Ass’n, Inc. v. United States, 527 U.S. 173
(1999).
106 527 U.S. at 190.
107 527 U.S. at 195.
108 Posadas de Puerto Rico Assocs. v. Tourism Co. of Puerto Rico, 478 U.S. 328, 345–46 (1986). For discussion of the case, see P. Kurland, Posadas de Puerto Rico v. Tourism Company: “’Twas Strange, ’Twas Passing Strange ’Twas Pifful, ’Twas Wondrous Pifful,” 1986 Sup. Ct. Rev. 1.
ban on revealing alcohol content on malt beverage labels), the Court rejected reliance on Posadas, pointing out that the statement in Posadas had been made only after a determination that the advertising could be upheld under Central Hudson. The Court found it unnecessary to consider the greater-includes-lesser argument in United States v. Edge Broadcasting Co., 509 U.S. 418, 427 (1993), upholding through application of Central Hudson principles a ban on broadcast of lottery ads.
The “different degree of protection” accorded commercial speech has a number of consequences. Somewhat broader times, places, and manner regulations are to be tolerated. The rule against prior restraints may be inapplicable, and disseminators of commercial speech are not protected by the overbreadth doctrine.

Different degrees of protection may also be discerned among different categories of commercial speech. The first prong of the Central Hudson test means that false, deceptive, or misleading advertisements need not be permitted; government may require that a commercial message appear in such a form, or include such additional information, warnings, and disclaimers, as are necessary to prevent deception. But even truthful, non-misleading commercial speech may be regulated, and the validity of such regulation is tested by application of the remaining prongs of the Central Hud-

111 517 U.S. at 510 (opinion of Stevens, joined by Justices Kennedy, Thomas, and Ginsburg). The Stevens opinion also dismissed the Posadas “greater-includes-the-lesser argument” as “inconsistent with both logic and well-settled doctrine,” pointing out that the First Amendment “presumes that attempts to regulate speech are more dangerous than attempts to regulate conduct.” Id. at 511–12.

112 517 U.S. at 531–32 (concurring opinion of O’Connor, joined by Chief Justice Rehnquist and by Justices Souter and Breyer).

113 Virginia State Bd. of Pharmacy v. Virginia Citizens Consumer Council, 425 U.S. 748, 771 (1976); Bates v. State Bar of Arizona, 433 U.S. 350, 384 (1977). But in Linmark Associates v. Township of Willingboro, 431 U.S. 85, 93–94 (1977), the Court refused to accept a times, places, and manner defense of an ordinance prohibiting “For Sale” signs on residential lawns. First, ample alternative channels of communication were not available, and, second, the ban was seen as a content limitation.


116 Bates v. State Bar of Arizona, 433 U.S. 350, 383–84 (1977); Ohralik v. Ohio State Bar Ass’n, 436 U.S. 447, 456 (1978). Requirements that advertisers disclose more information than they otherwise choose to are upheld “as long as [they] are reasonably related to the State’s interest in preventing deception of consumers,” the Court explaining that “[t]he right of a commercial speaker not to divulge accurate information regarding his services is not … a fundamental right” requiring strict scrutiny of the disclosure requirement. Zauderer v. Office of Disciplinary Counsel, 471 U.S. 626, 651 & n.14 (1985) (upholding requirement that attorney’s contingent fees ad mention that unsuccessful plaintiffs might still be liable for court costs).
son test. The test itself does not make further distinctions based on the content of the commercial message or the nature of the governmental interest (that interest need only be “substantial”). Recent decisions suggest, however, that further distinctions may exist. Measures aimed at preserving “a fair bargaining process” between consumer and advertiser may be more likely to pass the test than regulations designed to implement general health, safety, or moral concerns. As the governmental interest becomes further removed from protecting a fair bargaining process, it may become more difficult to establish the absence of less burdensome regulatory alternatives and the presence of a “reasonable fit” between the commercial speech restriction and the governmental interest.


118 See, e.g., Ohralik v. Ohio State Bar Ass’n, 436 U.S. 447, 465 (1978) (upholding ban on in-person solicitation by attorneys due in part to the “potential for overreaching” when a trained advocate “solicits an unsophisticated, injured, or distressed lay person”).


120 Justice Stevens has criticized the Central Hudson test because it seemingly allows regulation of any speech propounded in a commercial context regardless of the content of that speech. “[A]ny description of commercial speech that is intended to identify the category of speech entitled to less First Amendment protection should relate to the reasons for permitting broader regulation: namely, commercial speech’s potential to mislead.” Rubin v. Coors Brewing Co., 514 U.S. 476, 494 (1995) (concurring opinion). The Justice repeated these views in 1996: “when a State entirely prohibits the dissemination of truthful, nonmisleading commercial messages for reasons unrelated to the preservation of a fair bargaining process, there is far less reason to depart from the rigorous review that the First Amendment generally demands.” 44 Liquormart, Inc. v. Rhode Island, 517 U.S. 484, 501 (1996) (a portion of the opinion joined by Justices Kennedy and Ginsburg). Justice Thomas, similarly, wrote that, in cases “in which the government’s asserted interest is to keep legal users of a product or service ignorant in order to manipulate their choices in the marketplace, the Central Hudson test should not be applied because such an ‘interest’ is per se illegitimate . . . .” Greater New Orleans Broadcasting Ass’n, Inc. v. United States, 527 U.S. 173, 197 (1999) (Thomas, J., concurring) (internal quotation marks omitted).
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[P. 1126, delete last paragraph on page]

Governmentally Compelled Right of Reply to Newspapers

[P. 1127, add to n.65]

See also Hurley v. Irish-American Gay Group, 515 U.S. 557 (1995) (State may not compel parade organizer to allow participation by a parade unit proclaiming message that organizer does not wish to endorse).

[P. 1127, add new section following n.65]

Regulation of Cable Television.—The Court has recognized that cable television “implicates First Amendment interests,” since a cable operator communicates ideas through selection of original programming and through exercise of editorial discretion in determining which stations to include in its offering. Moreover, “settled principles of ... First Amendment jurisprudence” govern review of cable regulation; cable is not limited by “scarce” broadcast frequencies and does not require the same less rigorous standard of review that the Court applies to regulation of broadcasting. Cable does, however, have unique characteristics that justify regulations that single out cable for special treatment. The Court in Turner Broadcasting System v. FCC upheld federal statutory requirements that cable systems carry local commercial and public television stations. Although these “must-carry” requirements “distinguish between speakers in the television programming market,” they do so based on the manner of transmission and not on the content the messages conveyed, and hence are content-neutral. The regulations could therefore be measured by the “intermediate level of scrutiny” set forth in United States v. O’Brien.

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121 City of Los Angeles v. Preferred Communications, 476 U.S. 488 (1986) (leaving for future decision how the operator's interests are to be balanced against a community's interests in limiting franchises and preserving utility space); Turner Broadcasting System v. FCC, 512 U.S. 622, 636 (1994).


123 512 U.S. at 661 (referring to the “bottleneck monopoly power” exercised by cable operators in determining which networks and stations to carry, and to the resulting dangers posed to the viability of broadcast television stations). See also Leathers v. Medlock, 499 U.S. 439 (1991) (application of state gross receipts tax to cable industry permissible even though other segments of the communications media were exempted).


125 512 U.S. at 645. “Deciding whether a particular regulation is content based or content neutral is not always a simple task,” the Court confessed. Id. at 642. Indeed, dissenting Justice O'Connor, joined by Justices Scalia, Ginsburg, and Thomas, viewed the rules as content-based. Id. at 674-82.

126 391 U.S. 367, 377 (1968). The Court remanded Turner for further factual findings relevant to the O'Brien test. On remand, the district court upheld the must-
later, however, a splintered Court could not agree on what standard of review to apply to content-based restrictions of cable broadcasts. Striking down a requirement that cable operators must, in order to protect children, segregate and block programs with patently offensive sexual material, a Court majority in Denver Area Educational Telecommunications Consortium v. FCC 127 found it unnecessary to determine whether strict scrutiny or some lesser standard applies, as the restriction was deemed invalid under any of the alternative tests. There was no opinion of the Court on the other two holdings in the case, 128 and a plurality 129 rejected assertions that public forum analysis, 130 or a rule giving cable operators’ editorial rights “general primacy” over the rights of programmers and viewers, 131 should govern.

Subsequently, in United States v. Playboy Entertainment Group, Inc. 132 the Supreme Court made clear, as it had not in Denver Consortium, that strict scrutiny applies to content-based speech restrictions on cable television. The Court struck down a federal statute designed to “shield children from hearing or seeing images resulting from signal bleed,” which refers to blurred images or sounds that come through to non-subscribers. 133 The statute required cable operators, on channels primarily dedicated to sexually oriented programming, either to scramble fully or otherwise fully block such channels, or to not provide such programming when a significant number of children are likely to be viewing it, which, under an FCC regulation meant to transmit the programming only from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The Court apparently assumed that the gov-

128 Upholding §10(a) of the Act, which permits cable operators to prohibit indecent material on leased access channels; and striking down §10(c), which permits a cable operator to prevent transmission of “sexually explicit” programming on public access channels. In upholding §10(a), Justice Breyer’s plurality opinion cited FCC v. Pacifica Foundation, 438 U.S. 726 (1978), and noted that cable television “is as ‘accessible to children’ as over-the-air broadcasting, if not more so.” 518 U.S. at 744.
129 This section of Justice Breyer’s opinion was joined by Justices Stevens, O’Connor, and Souter. 518 U.S. at 749.
130 Justice Kennedy, joined by Justice Ginsburg, advocated this approach. 518 U.S. at 791, and took the plurality to task for its “evasion of any clear legal standard.” Id. at 784.
131 Justice Thomas, joined by Chief Justice Rehnquist and Justice Scalia, advocated this approach.
132 120 S. Ct. 1878 (2000).
133 120 S. Ct. at 1883.
ernment had a compelling interest in protecting at least some children from sexually oriented signal bleed, but found that Congress had not used the least restrictive means to do so. Congress in fact had enacted another provision that was less restrictive and that served the government’s purpose. This other provision requires that, upon request by a cable subscriber, a cable operator, without charge, fully scramble or otherwise fully block any channel to which a subscriber does not subscribe.

Government Restraint of Content of Expression

—Group Libel, Hate Speech

[P. 1136, add to n.111:]

On the other hand, the First Amendment does permit enhancement of a criminal penalty based on the defendant’s motive in selecting a victim of a particular race. Wisconsin v. Mitchell, 508 U.S. 476 (1993). The law has long recognized motive as a permissible element in sentencing, the Court noted, Id. at 485. The Court distinguished R.A.V. as involving a limitation on “speech” rather than conduct, and because the state might plausibly conclude that bias-inspired crimes inflict greater societal harm than do non-bias inspired crimes (e.g., they are more likely to provoke retaliatory crimes). Id. at 487-88. See generally Laurence H. Tribe, The Mystery of Motive, Private and Public: Some Notes Inspired by the Problems of Hate Crime and Animal Sacrifice, 1993 Sup. Ct. Rev. 1.

—Obscenity

[P. 1152, add to n.14:]

None of these strictures applies, however, to forfeitures imposed as part of a criminal penalty. Alexander v. United States, 509 U.S. 544 (1993) (upholding RICO forfeiture of the entire adult entertainment book and film business of an individual convicted of obscenity and racketeering offenses). Justice Kennedy, dissenting in Alexander, objected to the “forfeiture of expressive material that had not been adjudged to be obscene.” Id. at 578.

—Non-obscene But Sexually Explicit and Indecent Expression

[P. 1161, add to n.61:]

Similar rules apply in regulation of cable TV. In Denver Area Educ. Tel. Consortium v. FCC, 518 U.S. 727, 755 (1996), the Court, acknowledging that protection of children from sexually explicit programming is a “compelling” governmental interest (but refusing to determine whether strict scrutiny applies), nonetheless struck down a requirement that cable operators segregate and block indecent programming on leased access channels. The segregate-and-block restrictions, which included a requirement that a request for access be in writing, and which allowed for up to 30 days’ delay in blocking or unblocking a channel, were not sufficiently protective of adults’ speech and viewing interests to be considered either narrowly or reasonably tailored to serve the government’s compelling interest in protecting children. In United States v. Playboy Entertainment Group, Inc., 120 S. Ct. 1878 (2000), the Supreme Court, explicitly applying strict scrutiny to a content-based speech restriction on cable TV, struck down a federal statute designed to “shield children from hearing or seeing images resulting from signal bleed.” Id. at 1883.

The Court seems to be becoming less absolute in viewing the protection of all minors (regardless of age) from all indecent material (regardless of its educational
value and parental approval) to be a compelling governmental interest. In striking down the Communications Decency Act of 1996, the Court would "neither accept nor reject the Government's submission that the First Amendment does not forbid a blanket prohibition on all 'indecent' and 'patently offensive' messages communicated to a 17-year-old—no matter how much value the message may have and regardless of parental approval. It is at least clear that the strength of the Government's interest in protecting minors is not equally strong throughout the coverage of this broad statute." Reno v. American Civil Liberties Union, 521 U.S. 844, 878 (1997). In Playboy Entertainment Group, 120 S. Ct. at 1892, the Court wrote "Even upon the assumption that the Government has an interest in substituting itself for informed and empowered parents, its interest is not sufficiently compelling to justify this widespread restriction on speech." The Court also would "not discount the possibility that a graphic image could have a negative impact upon a young child" (id. at 1893), thereby suggesting again that it may take age into account when applying strict scrutiny.

[P. 1161, add to text following n.61:]

In Reno v. American Civil Liberties Union,134 the Court struck down two provisions of the Communications Decency Act of 1996 (CDA), one of which would have prohibited use of an "interactive computer service" to display indecent material "in a manner available to a person under 18 years of age."135 This prohibition would, in effect, have banned indecent material from all Internet sites except those accessible by adults only. Although intended "to deny minors access to potentially harmful speech ..., [the CDA's] burden on adult speech," the Court wrote, "is unacceptable if less restrictive alternatives would be at least as effective .... [T]he Government may not 'reduc[e] the adult population ... to ... only what is fit for children.'"136

In Reno, the Court distinguished FCC v. Pacifica Foundation,137 in which it had upheld the FCC's restrictions on indecent radio and television broadcasts, because (1) "'[t]he CDA's broad categorical prohibitions are not limited to particular times and are not dependent on any evaluation by an agency familiar with the unique characteristics of the Internet," (2) the CDA imposes criminal penalties, and the Court has never decided whether indecent broadcasts "would justify a criminal prosecution," and (3) radio and television, unlike the Internet, have, "as a matter of history ... 'received the most limited First Amendment protection,' .... in large part because warnings could not adequately protect the listener from unexpected program content. ... [O]n the Internet, the risk of

135 521 U.S. at 874-75. The Court did not address whether, if less restrictive alternatives would not be as effective, the Government would then be permitted to reduce the adult population to only what is fit for children.
encountering indecent material by accident is remote because a series of affirmative steps is required to access specific material.” 138

[P. 1161, start a new paragraph of text with the material that previously followed n.61, and change the opening words of that new paragraph from “Also, government may” to “The government may also”.

[P. 1163, add to text following n.74:] In Erie v. Pap’s A.M.,139 the Supreme Court again upheld the application of a statute prohibiting public nudity to an “adult” entertainment establishment. Although there was again only a plurality opinion, parts of that opinion were joined by five justices. These five adopted Justice Souter’s position in Barnes, that the statute satisfied the O’Brien test because it was intended “to combat harmful secondary effects,” such as “prostitution and other criminal activity.” 140 Justice Souter, however, though joining the plurality opinion, also dissented in part. He continued to believe that secondary effects were an adequate justification for banning nude dancing, but did not believe “that the city has made a sufficient evidentiary showing to sustain its regulation,” and therefore would have remanded the case for further proceedings. 141 He acknowledged his “mistake” in Barnes in failing to make the same demand for evidence. 142

The plurality opinion found that the effect of Erie’s public nudity ban “on the erotic message ... is de minimis” because Erie allowed dancers to perform wearing only pasties and G-strings. 143 It may follow that “requiring dancers to wear pasties and G-strings may not greatly reduce ... secondary effects, but O’Brien requires only that the regulation further the interest of combating such effects,” not that it further it to a particular extent. 144 The plurality opinion did not address the question of whether statutes prohib-

138 521 U.S. at 867.
139 120 S. Ct. 1382 (2000).
140 120 S. Ct. at 1392, 1393.
141 120 S. Ct. at 1402.
142 120 S. Ct. at 1405.
143 120 S. Ct. at 1393. The plurality said that, though nude dancing is “expressive conduct,” “we think that it falls only within the outer ambit of the First Amendment’s protection.” Id. at 1391. The opinion also quotes Justice Stevens to the same effect with regard to erotic materials generally. Id. at 1393. In United States v. Playboy Entertainment Group, Inc., 120 S. Ct. 1878, 1893 (2000), however, the Court wrote that it “cannot be influenced ... by the perception that the regulation in question is not a major one because the speech [“signal bleed” of sexually oriented cable programming] is not very important.”
144 120 S. Ct. at 1397.
ing public nudity could be applied to serious theater, but its reliance on secondary effects suggests that they could not.

Speech Plus—The Constitutional Law of Leafleting, Picketing, and Demonstrating

—The Public Forum

[P. 1167, add to n.98 following citation to Niemotko v. Maryland:]

Capitol Square Review and Advisory Bd. v. Pinette, 515 U.S. 753 (1995) (denial of permission to Ku Klux Klan, allegedly in order to avoid Establishment Clause violation, to place a cross in plaza on grounds of state capitol); Rosenberger v. University of Virginia, 515 U.S. 819 (1995) (University's subsidy for printing costs of student publications, available for student "news, information, opinion, entertainment, or academic communications," could not be withheld because of the religious content of a student publication); Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches School Dist., 508 U.S. 384 (1993) (school district rule prohibiting after-hours use of school property for showing of a film presenting a religious perspective on child-rearing and family values, but allowing after-hours use for non-religious social, civic, and recreational purposes).

[P. 1169, add to n.106:]

Candidate debates on public television are an example of this third type of public forum: the "nonpublic forum." Arkansas Educational Television Comm'n v. Forbes, 523 U.S. 666, 679 (1998). "Although public broadcasting as a general matter does not lend itself to scrutiny under the forum doctrine [i.e., public broadcasters ordinarily are entitled to the editorial discretion to engage in viewpoint discrimination], candidate debates present the narrow exception to this rule." Id. at 675. A public broadcaster, therefore, may not engage in viewpoint discrimination in granting or denying access to candidates. Under the third type of forum analysis, however, it may restrict candidate access for "a reasonable, viewpoint-neutral" reason, such as a candidate's "objective lack of support." Id. at 683.

—Public Issue Picketing and Parading

[P. 1179, add to text at end of section:]

More recently, disputes arising from anti-abortion protests outside abortion clinics have occasioned another look at principles distinguishing lawful public demonstrations from proscribable conduct. In Madsen v. Women's Health Center,145 the Court refined principles governing issuance of "content-neutral" injunctions that restrict expressive activity.146 The appropriate test, the Court stated, is "whether the challenged provisions of the injunction burden no more speech than necessary to serve a significant governmental


146 The Court rejected the argument that the injunction was necessarily content-based or viewpoint-based because it applied only to anti-abortion protesters. "An injunction by its very nature applies only to a particular group (or individuals) .... It does so, however, because of the group's past actions in the context of a specific dispute." There had been no similarly disruptive demonstrations by pro-abortion factions at the abortion clinic. 512 U.S. at 762.
interest.” Regular time, place, and manner analysis (requiring that regulation be narrowly tailored to serve a significant governmental interest) “is not sufficiently rigorous,” the Court explained, because injunctions create greater risk of censorship and discriminatory application, and because of the established principle “that an injunction should be no broader than necessary to achieve its desired goals.” Applying its new test, the Court upheld an injunction prohibiting protesters from congregating, picketing, patrolling, demonstrating, or entering any portion of the public right-of-way within 36 feet of an abortion clinic. Similarly upheld were noise restrictions designed to ensure the health and well-being of clinic patients. Other aspects of the injunction, however, did not pass the test. Inclusion of private property within the 36-foot buffer was not adequately justified, nor was inclusion in the noise restriction of a ban on “images observable” by clinic patients. A ban on physically approaching any person within 300 feet of the clinic unless that person indicated a desire to communicate burdened more speech than necessary. Also, a ban on demonstrating within 300 feet of the residences of clinic staff was not sufficiently justified, the restriction covering a much larger zone than an earlier residential picketing ban that the Court had upheld.

In Schenck v. Pro-Choice Network of Western New York, the Court applied Madsen to another injunction that placed restrictions on demonstrating outside an abortion clinic. The Court upheld the portion of the injunction that banned “demonstrating within fifteen feet from either side or edge of, or in front of, doorways or doorway entrances, parking lot entrances, driveways and driveway entrances of such facilities”—what the Court called “fixed buffer zones.” It struck down a prohibition against demonstrating “within fifteen feet of any person or vehicles seeking access to or leaving such facilities”—what it called “floating buffer zones.” The Court cited “public safety and order” in upholding the fixed buffer zones, but it found that the floating buffer zones “burden more speech than is necessary to serve the relevant governmental interests” because they make it “quite difficult for a protester who wishes to engage in peaceful expressive activity to know how to remain in compliance with the injunction.” The Court also

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147 512 U.S. at 765.
148 512 U.S. at 765.
150 519 U.S. 357 (1997).
151 519 U.S. at 366 n.3.
152 519 U.S. at 376 n.3.
153 519 U.S. at 376.
154 519 U.S. at 377.
155 519 U.S. at 378.
upheld a provision specifying that "once sidewalk counselors who had entered the buffer zones were required to 'cease and desist' their counseling, they had to retreat 15 feet from the people they had been counseling and had to remain outside the boundaries of the buffer zones." 156

In Hill v. Colorado,157 the Court upheld a Colorado statute that makes it unlawful, within 100 feet of the entrance to any health care facility, to "knowingly approach" within eight feet of another person, without that person's consent, "for the purpose of passing a leaflet or handbill to, displaying a sign to, or engaging in oral protest, education, or counseling with such other person." 158 This decision is notable because it upheld a statute, and not, as in Madsen and Schenck, merely an injunction directed to particular parties. The Court found the statute to be a content-neutral time, place, and manner regulation of speech that "reflects an acceptable balance between the constitutionally protected rights of law-abiding speakers and the interests of unwilling listeners. ..." 159 The restrictions are content-neutral because they regulate only the places where some speech may occur, and because they apply equally to all demonstrators, regardless of viewpoint. Although the restrictions do not apply to all speech, the "kind of cursory examination" that might be required to distinguish casual conversation from protest, education, or counseling is not "problematic." 160 The law is narrowly tailored to achieve the state's interests. The eight-foot restriction does not significantly impair the ability to convey messages by signs, and ordinarily allows speakers to come within a normal conversational distance of their targets. Because the statute allows the speaker to remain in one place, persons who wish to hand out leaflets may position themselves beside entrances near the path of oncoming pedestrians, and consequently are not deprived of the opportunity to get the attention of persons entering a clinic.

Different types of issues were presented by Hurley v. Irish-American Gay Group,161 in which the Court held that a state's public accommodations law could not be applied to compel private organizers of a St. Patrick's Day parade to accept in the parade a unit that would proclaim a message that the organizers did not wish to promote. Each participating unit affects the message conveyed by the parade organizers, the Court observed, and applica-
tion of the public accommodations law to the content of the organizers' message contravened the "fundamental rule ... that a speaker has the autonomy to choose the content of his own message." 162

—Leafleting, Handbilling, and the Like

[P. 1181, add to text after n.168:]

Talley's anonymity rationale was strengthened in McIntyre v. Ohio Elections Commission, 163 invalidating Ohio's prohibition on the distribution of anonymous campaign literature. There is a "respected tradition of anonymity in the advocacy of political causes," the Court noted, and neither of the interests asserted by Ohio justified the limitation. The State's interest in informing the electorate was "plainly insufficient," and, while the more weighty interest in preventing fraud in the electoral process may be accomplished by a direct prohibition, it may not be accomplished indirectly by an indiscriminate ban on a whole category of speech. Ohio could not apply the prohibition, therefore, to punish anonymous distribution of pamphlets opposing a referendum on school taxes. 164

[P. 1181, substitute for first full paragraph on page:]

The handbilling cases were distinguished in City Council v. Taxpayers for Vincent, 165 in which the Court held that a city may prohibit altogether the use of utility poles for posting of signs. While a city's concern over visual blight could be addressed by an anti-littering ordinance that did not restrict the expressive activity of distributing handbills, in the case of utility pole signs "it is the medium of expression itself" that creates the visual blight. Hence, the city's prohibition, unlike a prohibition on distributing handbills, was narrowly tailored to curtail no more speech than necessary to accomplish the city's legitimate purpose. 166 Ten years later, however, the Court unanimously invalidated a town's broad ban on res-

162 515 U.S. at 573.
164 In Buckley v. American Constitutional Law Found., 525 U.S. 182 (1999), the Court struck down a Colorado statute requiring initiative-petition circulators to wear identification badges. It found that "the restraint on speech in this case is more severe than was the restraint in McIntyre" because "petition circulation is a less fleeting encounter, for the circulator must endeavor to persuade electors to sign the petition. ... [T]he badge requirement compels personal name identification at the precise moment when the circulator's interest in anonymity is greatest." Id. at 199.
166 Justice Brennan argued in dissent that adequate alternative forms of communication were not readily available because handbilling or other person-to-person methods would be substantially more expensive, and that the regulation for the sake of aesthetics was not adequately justified.
idential signs that permitted only residential identification signs, “for sale” signs, and signs warning of safety hazards. Prohibiting homeowners from displaying political, religious, or personal messages on their own property “almost completely foreclosed a venerable means of communication that is both unique and important,” and that is “an unusually cheap and convenient form of communication” without viable alternatives for many residents. The ban was thus reminiscent of total bans on leafleting, distribution of literature, and door-to-door solicitation that the Court had struck down in the 1930s and 1940s. The prohibition in Vincent was distinguished as not removing a “uniquely valuable or important mode of communication,” and as not impairing citizens’ ability to communicate.
SECOND AMENDMENT

[P. 1193, add to n.1:]


[P. 1194, add to n.7:]

See also Hickman v. Block, 81 F.3d 98 (9th Cir.) (plaintiff lacked standing to challenge denial of permit to carry concealed weapon, because Second Amendment is a right held by States, not by private citizens), cert. denied 519 U.S. 912 (1996); United States v. Gomez, 92 F.3d 770, 775 n.7 (9th Cir. 1996) (interpreting federal prohibition on possession of firearm by a felon as having a justification defense "ensures that [the provision] does not collide with the Second Amendment"); United States v. Wright, 117 F.3d 1265 (11th Cir.), cert. denied 522 U.S. 1007 (1997) (member of Georgia unorganized militia unable to establish that his possession of machineguns and pipe bombs bore any connection to the preservation or efficiency of a well regulated militia).

[P. 1194, add to text at end of section:]

Pointing out that interest in the "character of the Second Amendment right has recently burgeoned," Justice Thomas, concurring in the Court's invalidation (on other grounds) of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, questioned whether the Second Amendment bars federal regulation of gun sales, and suggested that the Court might determine "at some future date ... whether Justice Story was correct ... that the right to bear arms 'has justly been considered, as the palladium of the liberties of a republic.'" 1

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1 Printz v. United States, 521 U.S. 898, 937–39 (1997) (quoting 3 COMMENTARIES § 1890, p. 746 (1833)). Justice Scalia, in extra-judicial writing, has sided with the individual rights interpretation of the Amendment. See ANTONIN SCALIA, A MATTER OF INTERPRETATION, FEDERAL COURTS AND THE LAW, 136–37 n.13 (A. Gutmann, ed., 1997) (responding to Professor Tribe's critique of "my interpretation of the Second Amendment as a guarantee that the federal government will not interfere with the individual's right to bear arms for self-defense").
FOURTH AMENDMENT

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

History and Scope of the Amendment

—The Interest Protected

[P. 1206, add to n.38 before Rakas v. Illinois citation, and add parenthetical to Rakas citation:]


[P. 1206, add to end of n.38:]

Property rights are still protected by the Amendment, however. A “seizure” of property can occur when there is some meaningful interference with an individual's possessory interests in that property, and regardless of whether there is any interference with the individual's privacy interest. Soldal v. Cook County, 506 U.S. 56 (1992) (a seizure occurred when sheriff's deputies assisted in the disconnection and removal of a mobile home in the course of an eviction from a mobile home park). The reasonableness of a seizure, however, is an additional issue that may still hinge on privacy interests. United States v. Jacobsen, 466 U.S. 109, 120–21 (1984) (DEA agents reasonably seized package for examination after private mail carrier had opened the damaged package for inspection, discovered presence of contraband, and informed agents).

[P. 1206, add to n.39:]


—Searches and Inspections in Noncriminal Cases

[P. 1214, add to text following n.82:]

In another unusual case, the Court held that a sheriff's assistance to a trailer park owner in disconnecting and removing a mobile home constituted a “seizure” of the home.¹

Searches and Seizures Pursuant to Warrant

—Probable Cause

[P. 1218, add to n.98:]

Similarly, the preference for proceeding by warrant leads to a stricter rule for appellate review of trial court decisions on warrantless stops and searches than is employed to review probable cause to issue a warrant. Ornelas v. United States, 517

¹Soldal v. Cook County, 506 U.S. 56, 61 (1992) (home “was not only seized, it literally was carried away, giving new meaning to the term “mobile home”).
U.S. 690 (1996) (determinations of reasonable suspicion to stop and probable cause to search without a warrant should be subjected to de novo appellate review).

—Execution of Warrants

[P. 1226, delete first sentence of section and substitute the following:] The Fourth Amendment's "general touchstone of reasonableness . . . governs the method of execution of the warrant." 2 Until recently, however, most such issues have been dealt with by statute and rule.3

[P. 1227, add to text following sentence containing n.158:] In Wilson v. Arkansas,4 the Court determined that the common law "knock and announce" rule is an element of the Fourth Amendment reasonableness inquiry. The "rule" is merely a presumption, however, that yields under various circumstances, including those posing a threat of physical violence to officers, those in which a prisoner has escaped and taken refuge in his dwelling, and those in which officers have reason to believe that destruction of evidence is likely. The test, articulated two years later in Richards v. Wisconsin,5 is whether police have "a reasonable suspicion that knocking and announcing their presence, under the particular circumstances, would be dangerous or futile, or that it would inhibit the effective investigation of the crime." In Richards, the Court held that there is no blanket exception to the rule whenever officers are executing a search warrant in a felony drug investigation; instead, a case-by-case analysis is required to determine whether no-knock entry is justified under the circumstances.6

[P. 1227, delete sentence containing n.159:] Because police actions in execution of a warrant must be related to the objectives of the authorized intrusion, and because privacy of the home lies at the core of the Fourth Amendment, police officers violate the Amendment by bringing members of the media

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3Rule 41(c), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, provides, inter alia, that the warrant shall be served in the daytime, unless the magistrate "for reasonable cause shown" directs in the warrant that it be served at some other time. See Jones v. United States, 357 U.S. 493, 498-500 (1958); Gooding v. United States, 416 U.S. 430 (1974). A separate statutory rule applies to narcotics cases. 21 U.S.C. § 879(a).
6The fact that officers may have to destroy property in order to conduct a no-knock entry has no bearing on the reasonableness of their decision not to knock and announce. United States v. Ramirez, 523 U.S. 65 (1998).
or other third parties into a home during execution of a warrant if presence of those persons was not in aid of execution of the warrant.7

Valid Searches and Seizures Without Warrants

—Detention Short of Arrest: Stop-and-Frisk

[P. 1230, add to n.12:]

Maryland v. Wilson, 519 U.S. 408, 413 (1997) (after validly stopping car, officer may order passengers as well as driver out of car; “the same weighty interest in officer safety is present regardless of whether the occupant of the stopped car is a driver or passenger”).

[P. 1230, add to text following n.12:]

If, in the course of a weapons frisk, “plain touch” reveals presence of an object that the officer has probable cause to believe is contraband, the officer may seize that object.8 The Court viewed the situation as analogous to that covered by the “plain view” doctrine: obvious contraband may be seized, but a search may not be expanded to determine whether an object is contraband.9 Also impermissible is physical manipulation, without reasonable suspicion, of a bus passenger’s carry-on luggage stored in an overhead compartment.10

[P. 1231, add to n.16:]


[P. 1231, add, after n.16, to end of sentence containing n.16:]

, although the Court has held that an uncorroborated, anonymous tip is insufficient basis for a Terry stop, and that there is no “firearms” exception to the reasonable suspicion requirement.11

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9 508 U.S. at 375, 378-79. In Dickerson the Court held that seizure of a small plastic container that the officer felt in the suspect’s pocket was not justified; the officer should not have continued the search, manipulating the container with his fingers, after determining that no weapon was present.
10 Bond v. United States, 120 S. Ct. 1462 (2000) (bus passenger has reasonable expectation that, while other passengers might handle his bag in order to make room for their own, they will not “feel the bag in an exploratory manner”).
—Search Incident to Arrest

[P. 1235, add to text following n.37:]

If there is no custodial arrest, as in the case of a routine traffic stop, the threat to officer safety is “a good deal less,” and the scope of a permissible search is also more limited.¹²

[P. 1237, change n.48 to read:]


—Vehicular Searches

[P. 1239, add to n.62:]

An automobile’s “ready mobility [is] an exigency sufficient to excuse failure to obtain a search warrant once probable cause is clear”; there is no need to find the presence of “unforeseen circumstances” or other additional exigency. Pennsylvania v. Labron, 518 U.S. 938, 940 (1996). Accord, Maryland v. Dyson, 527 U.S. 465 (1999) (per curiam).

[P. 1239, delete text accompanying n.63, and substitute the following:]

and they may not make random stops of vehicles on the roads, but instead must base stops of individual vehicles on probable cause or some “articulable and reasonable suspicion”¹³ of traffic or safety violation or some other criminal activity.¹⁴

[P. 1240, add to text following n.66:]

Although officers who have stopped a car to issue a routine traffic citation may conduct a Terry-type search, even including a pat down of driver and passengers if there is reasonable suspicion

¹²Knowles v. Iowa, 525 U.S. 113, 117 (1998) (officers may order driver and passengers out of car, and may conduct Terry-type pat down upon reasonable suspicion that they may be armed and dangerous).

¹³Delaware v. Prouse, 440 U.S. 648, 663 (1979) (discretionary random stops of motorists to check driver’s license and registration papers and safety features of cars constitute Fourth Amendment violation); United States v. Brignoni-Ponce, 422 U.S. 873 (1975) (violation for roving patrols on lookout for illegal aliens to stop vehicles on highways near international borders when only ground for suspicion is that occupants appear to be of Mexican ancestry). In Prouse, the Court cautioned that it was not precluding the States from developing methods for spot checks, such as questioning all traffic at roadblocks, that involve less intrusion or that do not involve unconstrained exercise of discretion. 440 U.S. at 663.

¹⁴An officer who observes a traffic violation may stop a vehicle even if his real motivation is to investigate for evidence of other crime. Whren v. United States, 517 U.S. 806 (1996). The existence of probable cause to believe that a traffic violation has occurred establishes the constitutional reasonableness of traffic stops regardless of the actual motivation of the officers involved, and regardless of whether it is customary police practice to stop motorists for the violation observed.
that they are armed and dangerous, they may not conduct a full-blown search of the car. 15

[P. 1240, add new footnote at end of first sentence in first full paragraph:] The same rule applies if it is the vehicle itself that is forfeitable contraband; police, acting without a warrant, may seize the vehicle from a public place. Florida v. White, 526 U.S. 559 (1999).

[P. 1240, change sentence ending with n.70 to read:] Police in undertaking a warrantless search of an automobile may not extend the search to the persons of the passengers therein 16 unless there is a reasonable suspicion that the passengers are armed and dangerous, in which case a Terry pat down is permissible. 17

[P. 1240, change sentences beginning after n.71 to read:] Luggage and other closed containers found in automobiles may also be subjected to warrantless searches based on probable cause, regardless of whether the luggage or containers belong to the driver or to a passenger, and regardless of whether it is the driver or a passenger who is under suspicion. 18 The same rule now applies whether ....

—Consent Searches

P. 1242, add to n.82:] Ohio v. Robinette, 519 U.S. 33 (1996) (officer need not always inform a detained motorist that he is free to go before consent to search auto may be deemed voluntary).

—Drug Testing

[P. 1249, substitute for paragraph beginning after n.128:] Emphasizing the “special needs” of the public school context, reflected in the “custodial and tutelary” power that schools exercise over students, and also noting schoolchildren’s diminished expectation of privacy, the Court in Vernonia School District v. Acton 19 upheld a school district’s policy authorizing random urinalysis drug

15 Knowles v. Iowa, 525 U.S. 113 (1998) (invalidating an Iowa statute permitting a full-blown search incident to a traffic citation).
18 Wyoming v. Houghton, 526 U.S. 295, 307 (1999) (“police officers with probable cause to search a car may inspect passengers’ belongings found in the car that are capable of concealing the object of the search”).
testing of students who participate in interscholastic athletics. The Court redefined the term “compelling” governmental interest. The phrase does not describe a “fixed, minimum quantum of governmental concern,” the Court explained, but rather “describes an interest which appears important enough to justify the particular search at hand.”20 Applying this standard, the Court concluded that “deterring drug use by our Nation’s schoolchildren is at least as important as enhancing efficient enforcement of the Nation’s laws against the importation of drugs ... or deterring drug use by engineers and trainmen.”21 On the other hand, the interference with privacy interests was not great, the Court decided, since schoolchildren are routinely required to submit to various physical examinations and vaccinations. Moreover, “[l]egitimate privacy expectations are even less [for] student athletes,” since they normally suit up, shower, and dress in locker rooms that afford no privacy, and since they voluntarily subject themselves to physical exams and other regulations above and beyond those imposed on non-athletes.22 The Court “caution[ed] against the assumption that suspicionless drug testing will readily pass muster in other contexts,” identifying as “the most significant element” in Vernonia the fact that the policy was implemented under the government’s responsibilities as guardian and tutor of schoolchildren.23

No “special needs” justified Georgia’s requirement that candidates for state office certify that they had passed a drug test, the Court ruled in Chandler v. Miller.24 Rather, the Court concluded that Georgia’s requirement was “symbolic” rather than “special.” There was nothing in the record to indicate any actual fear or suspicion of drug use by state officials, the required certification was not well designed to detect illegal drug use, and candidates for state office, unlike the customs officers held subject to drug testing in Von Raab, are subject to “relentless” public scrutiny.

Enforcing the Fourth Amendment: The Exclusionary Rule

—Narrowing Application of the Exclusionary Rule

[P. 1267, add to n.211:]

Similarly, the exclusionary rule does not require suppression of evidence that was seized incident to an arrest that was the result of a clerical error by a court clerk. Arizona v. Evans, 514 U.S. 1 (1995).
[P. 1267, add to text following n.213:]
The rule is inapplicable in parole revocation hearings.25

—Operation of the Rule: Standing

[P. 1270, add to n.229 following citation to Rakas v. Illinois:]

United States v. Padilla, 508 U.S. 77 (1993) (only persons whose privacy or property interests are violated may object to a search on Fourth Amendment grounds; exerting control and oversight over property by virtue of participation in a criminal conspiracy does not alone establish such interests).

FIFTH AMENDMENT

DOUBLE JEOPARDY

Development and Scope

[P. 1282, n.59, delete citation to One Lot Emerald Cut Stones case]

[P. 1283, n.60, delete citation to 89 Firearms case and add:]

Montana Dep’t of Revenue v. Kurth Ranch, 511 U.S. 767 (1994) (tax on possession of illegal drugs, “to be collected only after any state or federal fines or forfeitures have been satisfied,” constitutes punishment for purposes of double jeopardy).

[P. 1283, add to text following n.60:]

Ordinarily, however, civil in rem forfeiture proceedings may not be considered punitive for purposes of double jeopardy analysis, and the same is true of civil commitment following expiration of a prison term.

Reprosecution Following Acquittal

—Acquittal by Jury

[P. 1290, add footnote to end of first sentence in section:]

What constitutes a jury acquittal may occasionally be uncertain. In Schiro v. Farley, 510 U.S. 222 (1994), the Court ruled that a jury’s action in leaving the verdict sheet blank on all but one count did not amount to an acquittal on those counts, and that consequently conviction on the remaining count, alleged to be duplicative of one of the blank counts, could not constitute double jeopardy. In any event, the Court added, no successive prosecution violative of double jeopardy could result from an initial sentencing proceeding in the course of an initial prosecution.

1United States v. Ursery, 518 U.S. 267 (1996) (forfeitures, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. § 981 and 21 U.S.C. § 881, of property used in drug and money laundering offenses, are not punitive). The Court in Ursery applied principles that had been set forth in Various Items of Personal Property v. United States, 282 U.S. 577 (1931) (forfeiture of distillery used in defrauding government of tax on spirits); One Lot Emerald Cut Stones v. United States, 409 U.S. 232 (1972) (per curiam) (forfeiture of jewels brought into United States without customs declaration); and United States v. One Assortment of 89 Firearms, 465 U.S. 354 (1984) (forfeiture, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d), of firearms “used or intended to be used in” firearms offenses). A two-part inquiry is followed. First, the Court inquires whether Congress intended the forfeiture proceeding to be civil or criminal. Then, if Congress intended that the proceeding be civil, the court determines whether there is nonetheless the “clearest proof” that the sanction is “so punitive” as to transform it into a criminal penalty. 89 Firearms, supra, 465 U.S. at 366.

Reprosecution Following Conviction

—Sentence Increases

P. 1296, add to n.131:

In Monge v. California, 524 U.S. 721 (1998), the Court refused to extend the “narrow” Bullington exception outside the area of capital punishment.

[P. 1297, add new paragraph to text following n.133:]

The Court is also quite deferential to legislative classification of recidivism sentencing enhancement factors as relating only to sentencing and as not constituting elements of an “offense” that must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt. Ordinarily, therefore, sentence enhancements cannot be construed as additional punishment for the previous offense, and the Double Jeopardy Clause is not implicated. “Sentencing enhancements do not punish a defendant for crimes for which he was not convicted, but rather increase his sentence because of the manner in which he committed his crime of conviction.” ¹

“For the Same Offence”

—Legislative Discretion as to Multiple Sentences

[P. 1299, add to n.142:]


—Successive Prosecutions for the Same Offense

[P. 1300, substitute for the two sentences immediately following n.150:]

In 1990, the Court modified the Brown approach, stating that the appropriate focus is on same conduct rather than same ev-

¹United States v. Watts, 519 U.S. 148, 154 (1997) (relying on Witte v. United States, 515 U.S. 389 (1995), and holding that a sentencing court may consider earlier conduct of which the defendant was acquitted, so long as that conduct is proved by a preponderance of the evidence). See also Almendrez-Torres v. United States, 523 U.S. 224 (1998) (Congress’ decision to treat recidivism as a sentencing factor does not violate due process); Monge v. California, 524 U.S. 721 (1998) (retrial is permissible following appellate holding of failure of proof relating to sentence enhancement). Justice Scalia, whose dissent in Almendrez-Torres argued that there was constitutional doubt over whether recidivism factors that increase a maximum sentence must be treated as a separate offense for double jeopardy purposes (523 U.S. at 248), answered that question affirmatively in his dissent in Monge. 524 U.S. at 740-41.
That interpretation held sway only three years, however, before being repudiated as "wrong in principle [and] unstable in application."5

[P. 1301, add to n.154:]

The fact that Felix constituted a "large exception" to Grady was one of the reasons the Court cited in overruling Grady. United States v. Dixon, 509 U.S. 688, 709-10 (1993).

[P. 1301, add to text following n.154:]

For double jeopardy purposes, a defendant is "punished ... only for the offense of which [he] is convicted"; a later prosecution or later punishment is not barred simply because the underlying criminal activity has been considered at sentencing for a different offense.6 Similarly, recidivism-based sentence enhancement does not constitute multiple punishment for the "same" prior offense, but instead is a stiffened penalty for the later crime.7

SELF-INCrimINATION

Development and Scope

[P. 1306, add to text following n.177:]

Incrimination is not complete once guilt has been adjudicated, and hence the privilege may be asserted during the sentencing phase of trial.8

[P. 1307, add to n.180:]

Two Justices recently challenged the interpretation limiting application to "testimonial" disclosures, claiming that the original understanding of the word "witness" was not limited to someone who gives testimony, but included someone who gives

4Grady v. Corbin, 495 U.S. 508 (1990) (holding that the State could not prosecute a traffic offender for negligent homicide because it would attempt to prove conduct for which the defendant had already been prosecuted—driving while intoxicated and failure to keep to the right of the median). A subsequent prosecution is barred, the Court explained, if the government, to establish an essential element of an offense, will prove conduct that constitutes an offense for which the defendant has already been prosecuted. Id. at 521.


8Estelle v. Smith, 451 U.S. 454, 462-63 (1981) ("We can discern no basis to distinguish between the guilt and penalty phases of respondent's capital murder trial so far as the protection of the Fifth Amendment privilege is concerned"); Mitchell v. United States, 526 U.S. 314 (1999) (non-capital sentencing).

[P. 1307, delete n.181 and add to text following sentence that contained n.181:]

A person may be compelled to produce specific documents even though they contain incriminating information. If, however, the existence of specific documents is not known to the government, and the act of production informs the government about the existence, custody, or authenticity of the documents, then the privilege is implicated. Application of these principles resulted in a holding that the Independent Counsel could not base a prosecution on incriminating evidence identified and produced as the result of compliance with a broad subpoena for all information relating to the individual’s income, employment, and professional relationships.

[P. 1309, add to n.190:]

In determining whether a state prisoner is entitled to federal habeas corpus relief because the prosecution violated due process by using his post-Miranda silence for impeachment purposes at trial, the proper standard for harmless-error review is that announced in Kotteakos v. United States, 328 U.S. 750, 776 (1946)—whether the due process error “had substantial and injurious effect or influence in determining the jury’s verdict—not the stricter “harmless beyond a reasonable doubt” standard of Chapman v. California, 386 U.S. 18, 24 (1967), applicable on direct review. Brecht v. Abrahamson, 507 U.S. 619 (1993).

[P. 1311, add to text at end of section:]

There is no “cooperative internationalism” that parallels the cooperative federalism and cooperative prosecution on which appi-
cation against States is premised, and consequently concern with foreign prosecution is beyond the scope of the Self-Incrimination Clause.12

The Power to Compel Testimony and Disclosure

—Immunity

[P. 1315, add to n.224:]

See also United States v. Hubbell, 120 S. Ct. 2037 (2000) (because the statute protects against derivative use of compelled testimony, a prosecution cannot be based on incriminating evidence revealed only as the result of compliance with an extremely broad subpoena).

Confessions: Police Interrogation, Due Process, and Self-Incrimination

—Miranda v. Arizona

[P. 1332, delete all of first paragraph after first sentence, and add the following new paragraphs:]

For years, the constitutional status of the Miranda warnings was clouded in uncertainty. Had the Court announced a constitutional rule, or merely set forth supervisory rules that could be superseded by statutory rules? The fact that Miranda itself applied the rules to a state court proceeding, and that the Court in subsequent cases consistently applied the warnings to state proceedings, was strong evidence of constitutional moorings. In 1968, however, Congress enacted a statute designed to set aside Miranda in the federal courts and to reinstate the traditional voluntariness test.13 The statute lay unimplemented, for the most part, due to constitutional doubts about it. The Court also created exceptions to the Miranda warnings over the years, and referred to the warnings as "prophylactic"14 and "not themselves rights protected by the Constitution."15 There were even hints that some Justices might be willing to overrule the decision.

In Dickerson v. United States,16 the Court resolved the basic issue, holding that Miranda was a constitutional decision that could not be overturned by statute, and consequently that 18 U.S.C. § 3501 was unconstitutional. Application of Miranda warn-
ings to state proceedings necessarily implied a constitutional base, the Court explained, since federal courts “hold no supervisory authority over state judicial proceedings.” Moreover, Miranda itself had purported to “give concrete constitutional guidance to law enforcement agencies and courts to follow.” That the Miranda rules are constitution-based does not mean that they are “immutable,” however. The Court repeated its invitation for legislative action that would be “at least as effective” in protecting a suspect’s right to remain silent during custodial interrogation. Section 3501, however, merely reinstated the “totality-of-the-circumstances” rule held inadequate in Miranda, so that provision could not be considered as effective as the Miranda warnings.

The Dickerson Court also rejected a request to overrule Miranda. “Whether or not we would agree with Miranda’s reasoning and its resulting rule, were we addressing the issue in the first instance,” Chief Justice Rehnquist wrote for a seven-Jus tice majority, “the principles of stare decisis weigh heavily against overruling it now.” There was no special justification for overruling the decision; subsequent cases had not undermined the decision’s doctrinal underpinnings, but rather had “reaffirm[ed]” its “core ruling.” Moreover, Miranda warnings had “become so embedded in routine police practice [that they] have become part of our national culture.”

[Page 1332, substitute for paragraph that carries over to P. 1333:]

Although the Court had suggested in 1974 that most Miranda claims could be disallowed in federal habeas corpus cases, such a course was squarely rejected in 1993. The Stone v. Powell rule, precluding federal habeas corpus review of a state prisoner’s claim that his conviction rests on evidence obtained through an unconstitutional search or seizure, does not extend to preclude federal habeas review of a state prisoner’s claim that his conviction had been obtained in violation of Miranda safeguards, the Court ruled in Withrow v. Williams. The Miranda rule differs from the Mapp v. Ohio exclusionary rule denied enforcement in Stone, the Court

17 120 S. Ct. at 2333.
18 120 S. Ct. at 2334 (quoting from Miranda, 384 U.S. at 441-42).
19 120 S. Ct. at 2336.
20 In Michigan v. Tucker, 417 U.S. 433, 439 (1974), the Court had suggested a distinction between a constitutional violation and a violation of “the prophylactic rules developed to protect that right.” The actual holding in Tucker, however, had turned on the fact that the interrogation had preceded the Miranda decision and that warnings—albeit not full Miranda warnings—had been given.
explained. While both are prophylactic rules, Miranda unlike Mapp, safeguards a fundamental trial right, the privilege against self-incrimination. Miranda also protects against the use at trial of unreliable statements, hence, unlike Mapp, relates to the correct ascertainment of guilt.24 A further consideration was that eliminating review of Miranda claims would not significantly reduce federal habeas review of state convictions, since most Miranda claims could be recast in terms of due process denials resulting from admission of involuntary confessions.25

[P. 1334, add to text following n.324:]

Whether a person is “in custody” is an objective test assessed in terms of how a reasonable person in the suspect’s shoes would perceive his or her freedom to leave; a police officer’s subjective and undisclosed view that a person being interrogated is a suspect is not relevant for Miranda purposes.26

[P. 1338, add to text following n.344:]

After a suspect has knowingly and voluntarily waived his Miranda rights, police officers may continue questioning until and unless the suspect clearly requests an attorney.27

The Operation of the Exclusionary Rule

—Supreme Court Review

[P. 1341, add to text at end of section:]

In Withrow v. Williams,28 the Court held that the rule of Stone v. Powell,29 precluding federal habeas corpus review of a state prisoner’s claim that his conviction rests on evidence obtained through an unconstitutional search or seizure, does not extend to preclude federal habeas review of a state prisoner’s claim that his conviction rests on statements obtained in violation of the safeguards mandated by Miranda.

24 507 U.S. at 691–92.
25 Id. at 693.
27 Davis v. United States, 512 U.S. 452 (1994) (suspect’s statement that “maybe I should talk to a lawyer,” uttered after Miranda waiver and after an hour and a half of questioning, did not constitute such a clear request for an attorney when, in response to a direct follow-up question, he said “no, I don’t want a lawyer”).
DUE PROCESS

Substantive Due Process

—Discrimination

[P. 1358, add to n.75 following Richardson v. Belcher citation:]

FCC v. Beach Communications, 508 U.S. 307 (1993) (exemption from cable TV regulation of facilities that serve only dwelling units under common ownership).

—Retroactive Taxes

[P. 1364, substitute for last paragraph in section:]

Although the Court during the 1920s struck down gift taxes imposed retroactively upon gifts that were made and completely vested before the enactment of the taxing statute, those decisions have recently been distinguished, and their precedential value limited. In United States v. Carlton, the Court declared that "[t]he due process standard to be applied to tax statutes with retroactive effect ... is the same as that generally applicable to retroactive economic legislation"—retroactive application of legislation must be shown to be "justified by a rational legislative purpose." Applying that principle, the Court upheld retroactive application of a 1987 amendment limiting application of a federal estate tax deduction originally enacted in 1986. Congress' purpose was "neither illegitimate nor arbitrary," the Court noted, since Congress had acted "to correct what it reasonably viewed as a mistake in the original 1986 provision that would have created a significant and unanticipated revenue loss." Also, "Congress acted promptly and established only a modest period of retroactivity." The fact that the taxpayer had transferred stock in reliance on the original enactment was not dis-
positive, since “[t]ax legislation is not a promise, and a taxpayer has no vested right in the Internal Revenue Code.”

—Deprivation of Property: Retroactive Legislation

Concrete Pipe & Products v. Construction Laborers Pension Trust, 508 U.S. 602, 636–41 (1993) (imposition of multiemployer pension plan withdrawal liability on an employer is not irrational, even though none of its employees had earned vested benefits by the time of withdrawal). In Eastern Enterprises v. Apfel, 524 U.S. 498 (1998), the challenge was to a statutory requirement that companies formerly engaged in mining pay miner retiree health benefits, as applied to a company that had placed its mining operations in a wholly owned subsidiary three decades earlier, before labor agreements included an express promise of lifetime benefits. In a fractured opinion, the justices ruled 5 to 4 that the scheme’s severe retroactive effect offended the Constitution, though differing on the governing clause. Four of the majority justices based the judgment solely on takings law, while opining that “there is a question” whether the statute violated due process as well. The remaining majority justice, and the four dissenters, viewed substantive due process as the sole appropriate framework for resolving the case, but disagreed on whether a violation had occurred.


NATIONAL EMINENT DOMAIN POWER
When Property Is Taken
—Regulatory Takings


However, where a statute imposes severe and “substantially disproportionate” retroactive liability based on conduct several decades earlier, on parties that could not have anticipated the liability, a taking (or violation of due process) may occur. On this rationale, the Court in Eastern Enterprises v. Apfel struck down the Coal Miner Retiree Health Benefit Act’s requirement that companies formerly engaged in mining pay miner retiree health benefits, as ap-

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33 512 U.S. at 33.
34 524 U.S. 498 (1998). The split doctrinal basis of Eastern Enterprises undercuts its precedent value, and that of Connolly and Concrete Pipe, for takings law. A majority of the justices (one supporting the judgment and four dissenters) found substantive due process, not takings law, to provide the analytical framework where, as in Eastern Enterprises, the gravamen of the complaint is the unfairness and irrationality of the statute, rather than its economic impact.
plied to a company that spun off its mining operation in 1965 before collective bargaining agreements included an express promise of lifetime benefits.

[P. 1391, delete remainder of paragraph after n.299 and substitute the following:]

“If [the government] wants an easement across the Nollans’ property, it must pay for it.” 35 Because the Nollan Court found no essential nexus between the permit condition and the asserted government interest, it did not address whether there is any additional requirement when such a nexus does exist, as is often the case with land dedications and other permit conditions. 36 Seven years later, however, the Court announced in Dolan v. City of Tigard 37 that exaction conditions attached to development permits must be related to the impact of the proposed development not only in nature but also in degree. Government must establish a “rough proportionality” between such conditions and the developmental impacts at which they are aimed. 38 The Court ruled in Dolan that the city’s conditioning of a building permit for expansion of a hardware store on the store owner’s dedication of a portion of her land for a floodplain/recreational easement and for an adjacent pedestrian/bicycle pathway amounted to a taking. The requisite nexus existed between the city’s interest in flood control and imposition of the floodplain easement, and between the interest in minimizing traffic congestion and the required bike path dedication, but the Court found that the city had not established a rough proportion-

35 483 U.S. at 842.
36 Justice Scalia, author of the Court’s opinion in Nollan, amplified his views in a concurring and dissenting opinion in Pennell v. City of San Jose, 485 U.S. 1 (1988), explaining that “common zoning regulations requiring subdividers to observe lot-size and set-back restrictions, and to dedicate certain areas to public streets, are in accord with [constitutional requirements] because the proposed property use would otherwise be the cause of” the social evil (e.g., congestion) that the regulation seeks to remedy. By contrast, the Justice asserted, a rent control restriction pegged to individual tenant hardship lacks such cause-and-effect relationship and is in reality an attempt to impose on a few individuals public burdens that “should be borne by the public as a whole.” 485 U.S. at 20, 22.
38 Justice Stevens’ dissent criticized the Court’s “abandon[ment of] the traditional presumption of constitutionality and impos[ition of] a novel bur[den of proof on the city],” Id. at 405. The Court responded by distinguishing between challenges to generally applicable zoning regulations, where the burden appropriately rests on the challenging party, and imposition of property exactions through adjudicative proceedings, where “the burden properly rests on the city.” Id. at 391 n.8. As for the standard of proof, the Court looked to state law and rejected the two extremes—a generalized statement of connection deemed “too lax” to protect the Fifth Amendment right to just compensation, and a “specific and uniquely attributable” test deemed too exacting. Instead, the Court chose an “intermediate position” requiring a showing of “reasonable relationship,” but recharacterized it as “rough proportionality” in order to avoid confusion with “rational basis.” Id. at 391.
ability of degree. The floodplain/recreational easement not only prevented the property owner from building in the floodplain—a legitimate constraint—but also deprived her of the right to exclude others. And the city had not adequately demonstrated that the bike path was necessitated by the additional vehicle and bicycle trips that would be generated by the applicant’s development.39

Nollan and Dolan occasioned considerable debate over the breadth of what became known as the “heightened scrutiny” test. The stakes were plainly high, in that the test, where it applies, lessens the traditional judicial deference to local police power and places the burden of proof as to rough proportionality on the government. In City of Monterey v. Del Monte Dunes at Monterey, Ltd.,40 the Court unanimously confined the Dolan rough proportionality test—and, by implication, the Nollan nexus test—to the exaction context that gave rise to those cases. For certain, then, is that City of Monterey bars application of rough proportionality to outright denials of development. Still unclear, however, is whether the Court meant to place outside Dolan exactions of a purely monetary nature, in contrast with the dedication conditions involved in Nollan and Dolan.41

Outside the land-use context, however, the Court has now recognized a limited number of situations where invalidation, rather than compensation, remains the appropriate takings remedy.42


39 The city had quantified the traffic increases that could be expected from the development, but had merely speculated that construction of the bike path “could offset” some of that increase. While “[n]o precise mathematical calculation is required,” the Court concluded, “the city must make some effort to quantify its findings in support of the dedication.” Id. at 395-96.


41 City of Monterey also appears to give a lax interpretation to the “substantially advances a legitimate government interest” test of Agins, by endorsing jury instructions interpreting “substantially advance” to require only a “reasonable relationship.” 526 U.S. at 704. Such a reading of City of Monterey, however, puts it squarely at odds with Nollan, 483 U.S. at 834 n.3, where the Court earlier stressed that “substantially advance” imposes a stricter standard than the due process one of rational basis.

[P. 1394, add to text after n.312:]

Nor must property have realizable net value to fall under the Takings Clause.43

[P. 1395, delete remainder of paragraph after n.314 and substitute the following new paragraph:]

Failure to incur such administrative (and judicial) delays can result in dismissal of an as-applied taking claim based on ripeness doctrine, an area of takings law that the Court has developed extensively since Penn Central. In the leading decision of Williamson County Regional Planning Commission v. Hamilton Bank,44 the Court announced the canonical two-part ripeness test for takings actions brought in federal court against state and local agencies. First, for an as-applied challenge, the property owner must obtain from the regulating agency a “final, definitive position” regarding how it will apply its regulation to the owner’s land. Second, the owner must exhaust any possibilities for obtaining compensation from state fora before coming to federal court. Thus, the claim in Williamson County was found unripe because the plaintiff had failed to seek a variance (first prong of test), and had not sought compensation from the state courts in question even though they recognized inverse condemnation claims (second prong). Similarly, in MacDonald, Sommer & Frates v. County of Yolo,45 a final decision was found lacking where the landowner had been denied approval for one subdivision plan calling for intense development, but that denial had not foreclosed the possibility that a scaled-down (though still economic) version would be approved.46 In a somewhat different context, a taking challenge to a municipal rent control ordinance was considered “premature” in the absence of evidence that a tenant hardship provision had ever been applied to reduce what would otherwise be considered a reasonable rent increase.47 Facial challenges dispense with the Williamson County final deci-

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46 Most recently, the Court found the final-decision prerequisite met in Suitum v. Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, 520 U.S. 725 (1997). That threshold showing, said the Court, did not demand that a landowner first apply for approval of her sale of transferrable development rights (TDRs) where the parties agreed on the TDRs to which she was entitled and their value was simply an issue of fact. Suitum is also significant for reaffirming the two-prong Williamson County ripeness test, despite its rigorous application by lower federal courts to avoid reaching the merits in the majority of cases.
sion prerequisite, though at great risk to the plaintiff in that without pursuing administrative remedies, a claimant often lacks evidence that a statute has the requisite economic impact on his or her property.\footnote{See, e.g., Hodel v. Virginia Surface Mining & Reclamation Ass'n, 452 U.S. 264, 295-97 (1981) (facial challenge to surface mining law rejected); United States v. Riverside Bayview Homes, 474 U.S. 121, 127 (1985) (mere permit requirement does not itself take property); Keystone Bituminous Coal Ass'n v. DeBenedictis, 480 U.S. 470, 493-502 (1987) (facial challenge to anti-subsidence mining law rejected).}
SIXTH AMENDMENT

RIGHT TO TRIAL BY IMPARTIAL JURY

Jury Trial

[P. 1408, change heading to:]

—The Attributes and Function of the Jury

[P. 1410, add to text following n.64:]

Certain functions of the jury are likely to remain consistent between the federal and state court systems. For instance, the requirement that a jury find a defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, which had already been established under the Due Process Clause,\(^1\) has been held to be a standard mandated by the Sixth Amendment.\(^2\) The Court further held that the Fifth Amendment Due Process Clause and the Sixth Amendment require that a jury find a defendant guilty of every element of the crime with which he is charged, including questions of mixed law and fact.\(^3\) Thus, a district court presiding over a case of providing false statements to a federal agency in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 erred when it took the issue of the “materiality” of the false statement away from the jury.\(^4\) Later, however, the Court backed off from this latter ruling, holding that failure to submit the issue of materiality to the jury in a tax fraud case can constitute harmless error.\(^5\)

—Criminal Proceedings to Which the Guarantee Applies

[P. 1411, add to text following n.68:]

A defendant who is prosecuted in a single proceeding for multiple petty offenses, however, does not have a constitutional right to a jury trial, even if the aggregate of sentences authorized for the offense exceeds six months.\(^6\)

[P. 1411, add to n.73:]

The distinction between criminal and civil contempt may be somewhat more elusive. International Union, UMW v. Bagwell, 512 U.S. 821 (1994) (fines levied on the union were criminal in nature where the conduct did not occur in the court's presence, the court's injunction required compliance with an entire code of conduct, and the fines assessed were not compensatory).

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\(^4\) Gaudin, 515 U.S. at 523.
Impartial Jury

[P. 1416, add to n.104:]

The same rule applies in the federal setting. United States v. Martinez-Salazar, 120 S. Ct. 774 (2000).

PLACE OF TRIAL—JURY OF THE VICINAGE

[P. 1419, add to text following n.128:]

Thus, a defendant cannot be tried in Missouri for money-laundering if the charged offenses occurred in Florida and there was no evidence that the defendant had been involved with the receipt or transportation of the proceeds from Missouri.7

CONFRONTATION

[P. 1422, add to text following n.154:]

A prosecutor, however, can comment on a defendant’s presence at trial, and call attention to the defendant’s opportunity to tailor his or her testimony to comport with that of previous witnesses.8

[P. 1423, add to n.158:]

Bruton was held applicable, however, where a blank space or the word “deleted” is substituted for the defendant’s name in a co-defendant’s confession, making such confession incriminating of the defendant on its face. Gray v. Maryland, 523 U.S. 185 (1998).

[P. 1423, add to n.160:]


ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL

Development of an Absolute Right to Counsel at Trial

—Gideon v. Wainwright

[P. 1435, n.217, delete citation and parenthetical to Baldasar v. Illinois appearing after last semi-colon, and insert the following:]

But see Nichols v. United States, 511 U.S. 738 (1994) (as Scott v. Illinois, 440 U.S. 367 (1979) provides that an uncounseled misdemeanor conviction is valid if defendant is not incarcerated, such a conviction may be used as the basis for penalty enhancement upon a subsequent conviction).

—Effective Assistance of Counsel

[P. 1439, add to n.244:]

In Hill v. Lockhart, 474 U.S. 52 (1985), the Court applied the Strickland test to attorney decisions in plea bargaining, holding that a defendant must show a reasonable probability that, but for counsel’s errors, he would not have pleaded guilty.

[P. 1439, delete last sentence at end of first full paragraph on page and add the following:]

In Lockhart v. Fretwell, the Court refined the Strickland test to require that not only would a different trial result be probable because of attorney performance, but that the trial result which did occur was fundamentally unfair or unreliable.

[P. 1440, n.247, delete citation to Lozada v. Deeds and accompanying sentence, and substitute the following:]

Also not constituting per se ineffective assistance is a defense counsel’s failure to file a notice of appeal, or even to consult with the defendant about an appeal. Roe v. Flores-Ortega, 120 S. Ct. 1029 (2000).

—Self-Representation

[P. 1440, add to text at end of first paragraph of section:]

The right applies only at trial; there is no constitutional right to self-representation on direct appeal from a criminal conviction.

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10506 U.S. at 368-70 (1993) (failure of counsel to raise a constitutional claim that was valid at time of trial did not constitute “prejudice” because basis of claim had since been overruled).

SEVENTH AMENDMENT

TRIAL BY JURY IN CIVIL CASES

Application of the Amendment

—Cases “at Common Law”

[F. 1455, add to n.29:]

Feltner v. Columbia Pictures Television, 523 U.S. 340 (1998) (jury trial required for copyright action with close analogue at common law, even though the relief sought is not actual damages but statutory damages based on what is “just”).

[F. 1455, add to text following n.30:]

Where there is no direct historical antecedent dating to the adoption of the amendment, the court may also consider whether existing precedent and the sound administration of justice favor resolution by judges or juries.1

—Procedures Limiting Jury’s Role

[F. 1461, add to n.59:]

A federal appellate court may also review a district court’s denial of a motion to set aside an award as excessive under an abuse of discretion standard. Gasperini v. Center for Humanities, Inc., 518 U.S. 415 (1996) (New York State law which requires a review of jury awards to determine if they “deviate materially from reasonable compensation” may be adopted by federal district, but not appellate, court exercising diversity jurisdiction).

—Directed Verdicts

[F. 1461, add new footnote at end of sentence beginning after n.61:]

But see Hetzel v. Prince William County, 523 U.S. 208 (1998) (when an appeals court affirms liability but orders level of damages to be reconsidered, the plaintiff has a Seventh Amendment right either to accept the reduced award or to have a new trial).

EIGHTH AMENDMENT

EXCESSIVE FINES

[P. 1471, add to text following n.35:]

The Court has held, however, that the Excessive Fines Clause can be applied in civil forfeiture cases. ¹

[P. 1471, delete paragraph after n.35, and add the following:]

In 1998, however, the Court discerned a previously unseen vitality in the strictures of this clause. In United States v. Bajakajian,² the government sought to require that a criminal defendant charged with violating federal reporting requirements regarding the transportation of more than $10,000 in currency out of the country forfeit the currency involved, which totaled $357,144. The Court held that the forfeiture³ in this particular case would violate the Excessive Fines Clause and that the amount forfeited was grossly disproportionate to the gravamen of defendant’s offense. In determining proportionality, the Court did not limit itself to a comparison of the fine amount to the proven offense, but it also considered the particular facts of the case, the character of the defendant, and the harm caused by the offense.⁴

¹ In Austin v. United States, 509 U.S. 602 (1993), the Court noted that the application of the Excessive Fines Clause to civil forfeiture did not depend on whether it was a civil or criminal procedure, but rather on whether the forfeiture could be seen as punishment. The Court was apparently willing to consider any number of factors in making this evaluation; civil forfeiture was found to be at least partially intended as punishment, and thus limited by the clause, based on its common law roots, its focus on culpability, and various indications in the legislative histories of its more recent incarnations.


³ The Court held that a criminal forfeiture, which is imposed at the time of sentencing, should be considered a fine, because it serves as a punishment for the underlying crime. 524 U.S. at 328. The Court distinguished this from civil forfeiture, which, as an in rem proceeding against property, would generally not function as a punishment of the criminal defendant, 524 U.S. at 330-32.

⁴ In Bajakajian, the lower court found that the currency in question was not derived from illegal activities, and that the defendant, who had grown up a member of the Armenian minority in Syria, had failed to report the currency out of distrust of the government. 524 U.S. at 325-26. The Court found it relevant that the defendant did not appear to be among the class of persons for whom the statute was designed, i.e., a money launderer or tax evader, and that the harm to the government from the defendant’s failure to report the currency was minimal. 524 U.S. at 338.
CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENTS

—Capital Punishment

[P. 1478, add to n.69:]

Consequently, a judge may be given significant discretion to override a jury sentencing recommendation, as long as the court's decision is adequately channelled to prevent arbitrary results. Harris v. Alabama, 513 U.S. 504 (1995) (Eighth Amendment not violated where judge is only required to “consider” a capital jury’s sentencing recommendation).

[P. 1480, add to n.76:]

But see Tuilaepa v. California, 512 U.S. 967 (1994) (holding that permitting capital juries to consider the circumstances of the crime, the defendant's prior criminal activity, and the age of the defendant, without further guidance, is not unconstitutionally vague).

[P. 1480, add to n.77:]

Arave v. Creech, 507 U.S. 463 (1993) (consistent application of narrowing construction of phrase “exhibited utter disregard for human life” to require that the defendant be a “cold-blooded, pitiless slayer” cures vagueness).

[P. 1480, add to n.81 after citation to Spaziano v. Florida:]

See Hopkins v. Reeves, 524 U.S. 88 (1998) (defendant charged with felony murder did not have right to instruction as to second degree murder or manslaughter, where Nebraska traditionally did not consider these lesser included offenses).

[P. 1481, add to n.82:]

Romano v. Oklahoma, 512 U.S. 1 (1994) (imposition of death penalty after introduction of evidence that defendant had been sentenced to death previously did not diminish the jury’s sense of responsibility so as to violate the Eighth Amendment).

[P. 1483, add new footnote at end of second sentence of paragraph beginning after n.93:]

See, e.g., Johnson v. Texas, 509 U.S. 350 (1993) (consideration of youth as a mitigating factor may be limited to jury estimation of probability that defendant would commit future acts of violence).

[P. 1483, add new footnote at end of third sentence of paragraph beginning after n.93:]


[P. 1484, add to n.98:]

A court is not required give a jury instruction expressly directing the jury to consider mitigating circumstance, as long as the instruction actually given affords the jury the discretion to take such evidence into consideration. Buchanan v. Angelone, 522 U.S. 269 (1998). By the same token, a court did not offend the Constitution by directing the jury’s attention to a specific paragraph of a constitu-

[P. 1484, add to text following n.100:]

Due process considerations can also come into play; if the state argues for the death penalty based on the defendant's future dangerousness, due process requires that the jury be informed if the alternative to a death sentence is a life sentence without possibility of parole.5

[P. 1484, add to n.103:]

Thus, where psychiatric testimony was introduced regarding an invalid statutory aggravating circumstance, and where the defendant was not provided the assistance of an independent psychiatrist in order to develop rebuttal testimony, the lack of rebuttal testimony might have affected how the jury evaluated another aggravating factor. Consequently, the reviewing court erred in reinstating a death sentence based on this other valid aggravating factor. Tuggle v. Netherland, 516 U.S. 10 (1995) (per curiam).

[P. 1487, add to text following n.116:]

In addition, the Court has held that, absent an independent constitutional violation, habeas corpus relief for prisoners who assert innocence based on newly discovered evidence should generally be denied.6 Third, a different harmless error rule is applied when constitutional errors are alleged in habeas proceedings. The Chapman v. California7 rule applicable on direct appeal, requiring the State to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a constitutional error is harmless, is inappropriate for habeas review, the Court concluded, given the "secondary and limited" role of federal habeas proceedings.8 The appropriate test is that previously used only for non-constitutional errors: "whether the error 'has substantial and injurious effect or influence in determining the jury's verdict.'"9 A fourth rule was devised to...


6Herrera v. Collins, 506 U.S. 390 (1993) (holding that a petitioner would have to meet an "extraordinarily high" threshold of proof of innocence to warrant federal habeas relief).

7386 U.S. 18 (1967).


9Brecht v. Abrahamson, 507 U.S. at 637 (quoting Kotteakos v. United States, 328 U.S. 750, 776 (1946)). Brecht was a non-capital case, but the rule was subsequently applied in a capital case. Calderon v. Coleman, 525 U.S. 141 (1998) (per curiam).
Prisons and Punishment


Deliberate indifference in this context means something more than disregarding an unjustifiably high risk of harm that should have been known, as might apply in the civil context. Rather, it requires a finding that the responsible person acted in reckless disregard of a risk of which he or she was aware, as would generally be required for a criminal charge of recklessness. Farmer v. Brennan, 511 U.S. 825 (1994).
TENTH AMENDMENT

RESERVED POWERS

Effect of Provision on Federal Powers

—Federal Police Power

[P. 1514, add to text following n.42:]

Reversing this trend, the Court in 1995 in United States v. Lopez 1 struck down a statute prohibiting possession of a gun at or near a school, rejecting an argument that possession of firearms in school zones can be punished under the Commerce Clause because it impairs the functioning of the national economy. Acceptance of this rationale, the Court said, would eliminate “any” distinction between what is truly national and what is truly local,” would convert Congress’ commerce power into “a general police power of the sort retained by the States,” and would undermine the “first principle” that the Federal Government is one of enumerated and limited powers. 2 Application of the same principle led five years later to the Court’s decision in United States v. Morrison 3 invalidating a provision of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) that created a federal cause of action for victims of gender-motivated violence. Congress may not regulate “non-economic, violent criminal conduct based solely on that conduct’s aggregate effect on interstate commerce,” the Court concluded. “[W]e can think of no better example of the police power, which the Founders denied the National Government and reposed in the States, than the suppression of violent crime and vindication of its victims.” 4

—Federal Regulations Affecting State Activities and Instrumentalities

[P. 1518, add new paragraphs at end of section:]

Extending the principle applied in New York, the Court in Printz v. United States 5 held that Congress may not “circumvent” the prohibition on commandeering a state’s regulatory processes “by conscripting the State’s officers directly.” 6 Struck down in Printz were interim provisions of the Brady Handgun Violence Pro-

3 120 S. Ct. 1740 (2000).
4 120 S. Ct. at 1754.
6 521 U.S. at 935.
tection Act that required state and local law enforcement officers to conduct background checks on prospective handgun purchasers. "The Federal Government may neither issue directives requiring the States to address particular problems, nor command the States' officers ... to administer or enforce a federal regulatory program. It matters not whether policymaking is involved, and no case-by-case weighing of the burdens or benefits is necessary; such commands are fundamentally incompatible with our constitutional system of dual sovereignty."  

In Reno v. Condon, the Court distinguished New York and Printz in upholding the Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994 (DPPA), a federal law that restricts the disclosure and resale of personal information contained in the records of state motor vehicles departments. The Court returned to a principle articulated in South Carolina v. Baker that distinguishes between laws which improperly seek to control the manner in which States regulate private parties, and those which merely regulate state activities directly. Here, the Court found that the DPPA "does not require the States in their sovereign capacities to regulate their own citizens," but rather "regulates the States as the owners of databases." The Court saw no need to decide whether a federal law may regulate the states exclusively, since the DPPA is a law of general applicability that regulates private resellers of information as well as states.

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7 Id.
8 120 S. Ct. 666 (2000).
10 120 S. Ct. at 672.
11 Id.
ELEVENTH AMENDMENT

STATE IMMUNITY

Purpose and Early Interpretation

—Expansion of the Immunity of the States

[P. 1526, add to text following n.31:]

An in rem admiralty action may be brought, however, if the State is not in possession of the res.1

[P. 1527, add to n.32 after first citation:]


The Nature of the States' Immunity

[P. 1527, add to n.33:]


[P. 1528, add to n.43 after first sentence and accompanying citation:]

Of course, when a state is sued in federal court pursuant to federal law, the Federal Government, not the defendant state, is "the authority that makes the law" creating the right of action. See Seminole Tribe of Florida v. Florida, 517 U.S. 44, 154 (1996) (Justice Souter dissenting).

[P. 1528, add to text following n.43:]

This view also has support in modern case law: "... the State's immunity from suit is a fundamental aspect of sovereignty which the States enjoyed before the ratification of the Constitution, and which they retain today ..."2

[P. 1530, delete n.51 and accompanying text]

[P. 1530, delete second full paragraph on page]

[P. 1531, add to text at end of section:]

The Hans interpretation has been solidified with the Court's ruling in Seminole Tribe of Florida v. Florida,3 that Congress lacks the power under Article I to abrogate state immunity under the

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Eleventh Amendment, and with its ruling in *Alden v. Maine* that the broad principle of sovereign immunity reflected in the Eleventh Amendment bars suits against states in state courts as well as federal. Both of these cases, however, were 5 to 4 decisions, with the four dissenting Justices believing that *Hans* was wrongly decided.

**Suits Against States**

—Consent to Suit and Waiver

(P. 1533, add to n.68:)

The fact that a state agency can be indemnified for the costs of litigation does not divest the agency of its Eleventh Amendment immunity. *Regents of the University of California v. Doe*, 519 U.S. 425 (1997).

—Congressional Withdrawal of Immunity

(P. 1535, delete last sentence of first paragraph and substitute the following new paragraphs:)

*Pennsylvania v. Union Gas* lasted less than seven years, the Court overruling it in *Seminole Tribe of Florida v. Florida*. Chief Justice Rehnquist, writing for a 5 to 4 majority, concluded that there is "no principled distinction in favor of the States to be drawn between the Indian Commerce Clause [at issue in *Seminole Tribe*] and the Interstate Commerce Clause [relied upon in *Union Gas*]." In the majority's view, *Union Gas* had deviated from a line of cases tracing back to *Hans v. Louisiana* that viewed the Eleventh Amendment as implementing the "fundamental principle of sovereign immunity [that] limits the grant of judicial authority in Article III." Because "the Eleventh Amendment restricts the judicial power under Article III, ... Article I cannot be used to circumvent it."
the constitutional limitations placed upon federal jurisdiction.”

Subsequent cases have confirmed this interpretation.10

Section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment, of course, is another matter. Fitzpatrick v. Bitzer,11 “based upon a rationale wholly inapplicable to the Interstate Commerce Clause, viz., that the Fourteenth Amendment, adopted well after the adoption of the Eleventh Amendment and the ratification of the Constitution, operated to alter the pre-existing balance between state and federal power achieved by Article III and the Eleventh Amendment,” remains good law.12

This means that no legislative history will suffice at all.13 In deed, at one time a plurality of the Court was of the apparent view that only if Congress refers specifically to state sovereign immunity and the Eleventh Amendment will its language be unmistakably clear.14 Thus, the Court held in Atascadero that general language subjecting to suit in federal court “any recipient of Federal assistance” under the Rehabilitation Act was insufficient to satisfy this test, not because of any question about whether States are “recipi-

9517 U.S. at 72-73. Justice Souter’s dissent undertook a lengthy refutation of the majority’s analysis, asserting that the Eleventh Amendment is best understood, in keeping with its express language, as barring only suits based on diversity of citizenship, and as having no application to federal question litigation. Moreover, Justice Souter contended, the state sovereign immunity that the Court mistakenly recognized in Hans v. Louisiana was a common law concept that “had no constitutional status and was subject to congressional abrogation.” 517 U.S. at 117. The Constitution made no provision for wholesale adoption of the common law, but, on the contrary, was premised on the view that common law rules would always be subject to legislative alteration. This “imperative of legislative control grew directly out of the Framers’ revolutionary idea of popular sovereignty.” Id. at 160.


12517 U.S. at 65-66.


14Justice Kennedy for the Court in Delmuth, supra, 491 U.S. at 231, expressly noted that the statute before the Court did not demonstrate abrogation with unmistakably clarity because, inter alia, it “makes no reference whatsoever to either the Eleventh Amendment or the States’ sovereign immunity.” Justice Scalia, one of four concurring Justices, expressed an “understanding” that the Court’s reasoning would allow for clearly expressed abrogation of immunity “without explicit reference to state sovereign immunity or the Eleventh Amendment.” Id. at 233.
ents” within the meaning of the provision but because “given their constitutional role, the States are not like any other class of recipients of federal aid.”15 As a result of these rulings, Congress began to utilize the “magic words” the Court appeared to insist on.16 More recently, however, the Court has accepted less precise language.17

Having previously reserved the question of whether federal statutory rights could be enforced in state courts,18 the Court in *Alden v. Maine*19 held that states could also assert Eleventh Amendment “sovereign immunity” in their own courts. Recognizing that the application of the Eleventh Amendment, which limits only the federal courts, was a “misnomer”20 as applied to state courts, the Court nonetheless concluded that the principles of common law sovereign immunity applied absent “compelling evidence” that the States had surrendered such by the ratification of the Constitution. Although this immunity is subject to the same limitations as apply in federal courts, the Court’s decision effectively limited the application of significant portions of federal law to state governments.

**Suits Against State Officials**

**[P. 1540, add to n.105:]**

In the process of limiting application of *Young*, a Court majority has recently referred to “the Young fiction.” *Idaho v. Coeur d’Alene Tribe*, 521 U.S. 261, 281 (1997).

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17 *Kimel v. Florida Board of Regents*, 120 S. Ct. 631, 640–42 (2000). In *Kimel*, statutory language authorized age discrimination suits “against any employer (including a public agency)” and a public agency was defined to include “the government of a State or political subdivision thereof.” The Court found this language to be sufficiently clear evidence of intent to abrogate state sovereign immunity. The relevant portion of the opinion was written by Justice O’Connor, and joined by Chief Justice Rehnquist and Justices Stevens, Scalia, Souter, Ginsberg, and Breyer.
20 527 U.S. at 713.
[P. 1541, add to n.112:]


[P. 1544, add as first full paragraph on page (penultimate paragraph in section):]

In Idaho v. Cœur d'Alene Tribe, the Court further narrowed Ex parte Young. The implications of the case are difficult to predict, due to the narrowness of the Court’s holding, the closeness of the vote (5 to 4), and the inability of the majority to agree on a rationale. The holding was that the Tribe's suit against state officials for a declaratory judgment and injunction to establish the Tribe's ownership and control of the submerged lands of Lake Cœur d'Alene is barred by the Eleventh Amendment. The Tribe's claim was based on federal law—Executive Orders issued in the 1870s, prior to Idaho Statehood. The portion of Justice Kennedy's opinion that represented the opinion of the Court concluded that the Tribe's “unusual” suit was “the functional equivalent of a quiet title action which implicates special sovereignty interests.” The case was “unusual” because state ownership of submerged lands traces to the Constitution through the “equal footing doctrine,” and because navigable waters “uniquely implicate sovereign interests.” This was therefore no ordinary property dispute in which the State would retain regulatory control over land regardless of title. Rather, grant of the “far-reaching and invasive relief” sought by the Tribe “would diminish, even extinguish, the State's control over a vast reach of lands and waters long ... deemed to be an integral part of its territory.” A separate part of Justice Kennedy's opinion, joined only by Chief Justice Rehnquist, advocated more broadscale diminishment of Young. The two would apply case-by-case balancing, taking into account the availability of a state court forum to resolve the dispute and the importance of the federal right at issue. Concurring Justice O'Connor, joined by Justices Scalia and Thomas, rejected such balancing. Young was inapplicable, Justice O'Connor explained, because “it simply cannot be said” that a suit to divest the State of all regulatory power over submerged lands “is not a suit against the State.”

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22 521 U.S. at 281.
23 Id. at 284.
24 Id. at 282.
25 Id. at 296.
FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT

In a doctrinal shift of uncertain significance, the Court will apparently evaluate challenges to durational residency requirements, previously considered as violations of the right to travel derived from the Equal Protection Clause, as a potential violation of the Privileges or Immunities Clause. Thus, where a California law restricted the level of welfare benefits available to Californians resident less than a year to the level of benefits available in the State of their prior residence, the Court found a violation of the right of newly arrived citizens to be treated the same as other state citizens.\(^1\) Despite suggestions that this opinion will open the door to a “guaranteed equal access to all public benefits,”\(^2\) it seems more likely that the Court is protecting the privilege of being treated immediately as a full citizen of the State one chooses for permanent residence.\(^3\)

DUE PROCESS OF LAW

The Development of Substantive Due Process

—“Liberty”

County of Sacramento v. Lewis, 523 U.S. 833 (1998) (high-speed automobile chase by police officer causing death through deliberate or reckless indifference to life would not violate the Fourteenth Amendment’s guarantee of substantive due process).

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2 526 U.S. at 525 (Thomas, J., dissenting).
3 The right of United States citizens to choose their State of residence is specifically protected by the first sentence of the Fourteenth Amendment—“All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside…. .”
Health, Safety, and Morals
—Protecting Morality

[P. 1636, add to text following n.163:]

Similarly, a court may order a car used in an act of prostitution forfeited as a public nuisance, even if this works a deprivation on an innocent joint owner of the car.4

Procedure in Taxation
—Sufficiency of Remedy

[P. 1665, add to n.177:]

See also Reich v. Collins, 513 U.S. 106 (1994) (violation of due process to hold out a post-deprivation remedy for unconstitutional taxation and then, after the disputed taxes had been paid, to declare that no such remedy exists); Newsweek, Inc. v. Florida Dept of Revenue, 522 U.S. 442 (1998) (per curiam) (violation of due process to limit remedy to one who pursued pre-payment of tax, where litigant reasonably relied on apparent availability of post-payment remedy).

Substantive Due Process and Noneconomic Liberty

[P. 1666, add to n.184:]

The Court has subsequently made clear that these cases dealt with “a complete prohibition of the right to engage in a calling,” holding that “a brief interruption” did not constitute a constitutional violation. Conn v. Gabbert, 526 U.S. 286, 292 (2000).

—Abortion

[P. 1679, add to text at end of section:]

The passage of various state laws restricting so-called “partial birth abortions” gave observers an opportunity to see if the “undue burden” standard was in fact likely to lead to a major retrenchment in abortion regulation. In Stenberg v. Carhart,5 the Court reviewed a Nebraska statute which forbade “partially delivering vaginally a living unborn child before killing the unborn child and completing the delivery.” The Court noted that the prohibition appeared to apply to abortions performed throughout a pregnancy, and that the lone exception was for an abortion necessary to preserve the life of the mother.6 Thus the statute brought into ques-

6The Nebraska law provided that such procedures could be performed where “necessary to save the life of the mother whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself.” Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 28-328(1).
tion both the distinction maintained in Casey between pre-viability and post-viability abortions, and the oft-repeated language from Roe, which provides that abortion restrictions must contain exceptions for situations where there is a threat to either the life or health of a pregnant woman. The Court, however, reaffirmed these central tenets of its abortion decisions, striking down the Nebraska law because its possible application to pre-viability abortions was too broad and the exception for threats to the life of the mother was too narrow.

—Family Relationships

[P. 1689, add to text at end of section:]

The Court has, however, imposed limits on the ability of a court to require that children be made available for visitation with grandparents and other third parties. In Troxel v. Granville,8 the Court evaluated a Washington State law which allowed “any person” to petition a court “at any time” to obtain visitation rights whenever visitation “may serve the best interests” of a child. Under this law, a child’s grandparents were awarded more visitation with a child than was desired by the sole surviving parent. A plurality of the Court, noting the “fundamental rights of parents to make decisions concerning the care, custody and control of their children,”9 reversed this decision, noting the lack of deference to the parent’s wishes and the contravention of the traditional presumption that a fit parent will act in the best interests of a child.

[P. 1690, change heading to:]

—Liberty Interests of the Retarded, Mentally Ill or Abnormal: Civil Commitment and Treatment

[P. 1691, add paragraph to text after n.310:]

The Court’s resolution of a case involving persistent sexual offenders suggests that state civil commitment systems, besides confining the dangerously mentally ill, may also act to incapacitate persons predisposed to engage in specific criminal behaviors. In Kansas v. Hendricks,10 the Court upheld a Kansas state law which allowed civil commitment without a showing of “mental illness,” so that a defendant diagnosed as a pedophile could be committed based on his having a “mental abnormality” which made him “likely to engage in acts of sexual violence.” Although the Court mini-

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8 120 S. Ct. 2054 (2000).
9 120 S. Ct. at 2060.
mized the use of this expanded nomenclature, the concept of abnormality appears both more encompassing and less defined than the concept of illness. It is unclear how, or whether, the Court would distinguish this case from the indefinite civil commitment of other recidivists such as drug offenders.

—“Right to Die”

[P. 1693, add new paragraph at end of section:] In Washington v. Glucksberg, however, the Supreme Court rejected an argument that the Due Process Clause provides a terminally ill individual the right to seek and obtain a physician’s aid in committing suicide. Reviewing a challenge to a state statutory prohibition against assisted suicide, the Court noted that it moves with “utmost care” before breaking new ground in the area of liberty interests. The Court pointed out that suicide and assisted suicide have long been disfavored by the American judicial system, and courts have consistently distinguished between passively allowing death to occur and actively causing such death. The Court rejected the applicability of Cruzan and other liberty interest cases, noting that while many of the interests protected by the Due Process Clause involve personal autonomy, not all important, intimate, and personal decisions are so protected. By rejecting the notion that assisted suicide is constitutionally protected, the Court also appears to preclude constitutional protection for other forms of intervention in the death process, such as suicide or euthanasia.

11 521 U.S. at 359. But see Fouca v. Louisiana, 504 U.S. 71, 80 (1992) (holding that a State can not hold a person suffering from a personality disorder without clear and convincing proof of a mental illness).

12 521 U.S. 702 (1997). In the companion case of Vacco v. Quill, 521 U.S. 793 (1997), the Court also rejected an argument that a State which prohibited assisted suicide but which allowed termination of medical treatment resulting in death unreasonably discriminated against the terminally ill in violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

13 521 U.S. at 720.


15 A passing reference by Justice O’Connor in a concurring opinion in Glucksberg and its companion case Vacco v. Quill may, however, portend a liberty interest in seeking pain relief, or “palliative” care. Glucksberg and Vacco 521 U.S. at 736–37 (Justice O’Connor, concurring).
PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS: CIVIL

Power of the States to Regulate Procedure

—Costs, Damages, and Penalties

[P. 1698, add to n.34:]

See also Honda Motor Co. v. Oberg, 512 U.S. 415 (1994) (striking down a provision of the Oregon Constitution limiting judicial review of the amount of punitive damages awarded by a jury).

[P. 1698, add to text after n.34:]

The Court has indicated, however, that the amount of punitive damages is limited to what is reasonably necessary to vindicate a state’s interest in deterring unlawful conduct.16 These limits may be discerned by a court by examining the degree of reprehensibility of the act, the ratio between the punitive award and plaintiff’s actual or potential harm, and the legislative sanctions provided for comparable misconduct.17

Jurisdiction

[P. 1716, change heading to:]

—Actions In Rem: Proceeding Against Property

[P. 1717, add to n.144:]

Predeprivation notice and hearing may be required if the property is not the sort that, given advance warning, could be removed to another jurisdiction, destroyed, or concealed. United States v. James Daniel Good Real Property, 510 U.S. 43 (1993) (notice to owner required before seizure of house by government).

The Procedure Which is Due Process

—The Interests Protected: Entitlements and Positivist Recognition

[P. 1726, add to n.194:]


16BMW v. Gore, 517 U.S. 559 (1996) (holding that a $2 million judgment for failing to disclose to a purchaser that a “new” car had been repainted was “grossly excessive” in relation to the State’s interest, as only a few of the 983 similarly repainted cars had been sold in that same State). But see TXO Prod. Corp. v. Alliance Resources, 509 U.S. 443 (1993) (punitive damages of $10 million for slander of title does not violate the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment even though the jury awarded actual damages of only $19,000).

—When is Process Due

Where the adverse action is less than termination of employment, the governmental interest is significant, and where reasonable grounds for such action have been established separately, then a prompt hearing held after the adverse action may be sufficient.19

—The Requirements of Due Process

See also Richards v. Jefferson County, 517 U.S. 793 (1996) (res judicata may not apply where taxpayers who challenged a county's occupation tax had not been informed of the prior case and where their interests had not been adequately protected).

Such notice, however, need not describe the legal procedures necessary to protect one's interest if such procedures are otherwise set out in published, generally available public sources.20

Even where a court finds that a party was not prejudiced by the lack of a hearing, and where an appeal was provided, failure to give notice and hearing is a violation of due process. Nelson v. Adams, 120 S. Ct. 1579 (2000) (amendment of judgment to impose attorney fees and costs to sole shareholder of liable corporate structure invalid without notice or opportunity to dispute).

PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS—CRIMINAL

The Elements of Due Process

—Clarity in Criminal Statutes: The Void-For-Vagueness Doctrine

[P. 1749, add to text following n.20:]

A loitering statute which is triggered by failure to obey a police dispersal order may not, however, leave a police officer absolute discretion to give such orders.21 Thus, a Chicago ordinance, which required police to disperse all persons in the company of “criminal street gang members” while in a public place with “no apparent purpose,” failed to meet the “requirement that a legislature establish minimal guidelines to govern law enforcement.”22 The Court noted that “no apparent purpose” is inherently subjective because its application depends on whether some purpose is “apparent” to the officer, who would presumably have the discretion to ignore such apparent purposes as engaging in idle conversation or enjoying the evening air.

—Other Aspects of Statutory Notice

[P. 1750, add to text following n.24:]

Persons may be bound by a novel application of a statute, not supported by Supreme Court or other “fundamentally similar” case precedent, so long as the court can find that, under the circumstance, “unlawfulness . . . is apparent” to the defendant.23

—Initiation of the Prosecution

[P. 1753, add to n.43:]

The Court has also rejected an argument that due process requires that criminal prosecutions go forward only on a showing of probable cause. Albright v. Oliver, 510 U.S. 266 (1994) (holding that there is no civil rights action based on the Fourteenth Amendment for arrest and imposition of bond without probable cause).

—Fair Trial

[P. 1756, add to n.59:]

But see Montana v. Egelhoff, 518 U.S. 37 (1996) (State may bar defendant from introducing evidence of intoxication to prove lack of mens rea).

—Prosecutorial Misconduct

[P. 1760, add to n.76:]

See also Wood v. Bartholomew, 516 U.S. 1 (1995) (per curiam) (holding no Due Process violation where prosecutor’s failure to disclose the result of a witness’ polygraph test would not have affected the outcome of the case).

[P. 1760, add to text after n.80:]

This tripartite formulation, however, suffered from two apparent defects. First, it added a new level of complexity to a Brady inquiry by requiring a reviewing court to establish the appropriate level of materiality by classifying the situation under which the exculpating information was withheld. Secondly, it was not clear, if the fairness of the trial was at issue, why the circumstances of the failure to disclose should affect the evaluation of the impact that such information would have had on the trial. Ultimately, the Court addressed these issue in the case of United States v. Bagley.24

In Bagley, the Court established a uniform test for materiality, choosing the most stringent requirement that evidence is material if there is a reasonable probability that, had the evidence been disclosed to the defense, the outcome of the proceeding would have been different.25 This materiality standard, found in contexts outside of Brady inquiries,26 is applied not only to exculpatory material, but also to material which would be relevant to the impeachment of witnesses.27 Thus, where inconsistent earlier statements by a witness to an abduction were not disclosed, the Court weighed the specific effect that impeachment of the witness would have had on establishing the required elements of the crime and of the punishment, finally concluding that there was no reasonable probability that the jury would have reached a different result.28

—Proof, Burden of Proof, and Presumptions

[P. 1761, add to n.83:]

See also Sullivan v. Louisiana, 508 U.S. 275 (1993) (Sixth Amendment guarantee of trial by jury requires a jury verdict of guilty beyond a reasonable doubt).

25 473 U.S. at 682.
27 473 U.S. at 676–77.
P. 1762, add to n.87:

But see Victor v. Nebraska, 511 U.S. 1 (1994) (considered as a whole, jury instructions that define “reasonable doubt” as requiring a “moral certainty” or as equivalent to “substantial doubt” did not violate due process because other clarifying language was included.)

Pp. 1763–64, delete last sentence and accompanying footnote (96) of paragraph beginning on P. 1763 and substitute the following:

Another important distinction which can substantially affect a prosecutor’s burden is whether a fact to be established is an element of a crime or instead is a sentencing factor. While a criminal conviction is generally established by a jury using the “beyond a reasonable doubt” standard, sentencing factors are generally evaluated by a judge using few evidentiary rules and under the more lenient “preponderance of the evidence” standard. The Court has taken a formalistic approach to this issue, allowing States to essentially designate which facts fall under which of these two categories. For instance, the Court has held that whether a defendant “visibly possessed a gun” during a crime may be designated by a State as a sentencing factor, and determined by a judge based on the preponderance of evidence.29 Although the Court has generally deferred to the legislature’s characterizations in this area, it limited this principle in Apprendi v. New Jersey by holding that a sentencing factor cannot be used to increase the maximum penalty imposed for the underlying crime.30 This decision, however, arguably conflicts with related case law regarding, for instance, the use of aggravating sentencing factors by judges in imposing capital punishment,31 and is subject to at least one exception.32 Further, the decision might be evaded by legislatures revising criminal provisions to increase maximum penalties, and then providing for mitigating factors within the newly established sentencing range.

32 This limiting principle does not apply to sentencing enhancements based on recidivism. Apprendi, 120 S. Ct. at 2361–62. As enhancement of sentences for repeat offenders is traditionally considered a part of sentencing, establishing the existence of previous valid convictions may be made by a judge, despite its resulting in a significant increase in the maximum sentence available. Almendarez-Torres v. United States, 523 U.S. 224 (1998) (deported alien reentering the United States subject to a maximum sentence of two years, but upon proof of felony record, is subject to a maximum of 20 years). See also Parke v. Raley, 506 U.S. 20 (1992) (where prosecutor has burden of establishing a prior conviction, a defendant can be required to bear the burden of challenging the validity of such a conviction).
—Sentencing
[P. 1765, add to n.104 after Spencer v. Texas citation:]

—The Problem of the Incompetent or Insane Defendant or Convict
[P. 1769, add to n.120:]
It is a violation of due process, however, for a State to require that a defendant must prove competence to stand trial by clear and convincing evidence. Cooper v. Oklahoma, 517 U.S. 348 (1996).

—Rights of Prisoners
[P. 1773, add to n.150:]
Establishing a right of access to law materials, however, requires an individualized demonstration of an inmate having been hindered in efforts to pursue a legal claim. See Lewis v. Casey, 518 U.S. 343 (1996) (no requirement that the State “enable [a] prisoner to discover grievances, and to litigate effectively”).

—Probation and Parole
[P. 1780, add to text at end of sentence carried over from P. 1779:]
The power of the executive to pardon, or grant clemency, being a matter of grace, is rarely subject to judicial review.33

EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAWS
Scope and Application
—State Action
[P. 1796, add to text following n.52:]
Or, where a state worker’s compensation statute was amended to allow, but not require, an insurer to suspend payment for medical treatment while the necessity of the treatment was being evaluated by an independent evaluator, this action was not fairly attributable to the State, and thus pre-deprivation notice of the suspension was not required.34

[P. 1797, add to text following n.60:]
to private insurance companies providing worker’s compensation coverage.35

Equal Protection: Judging Classifications by Law

—The Traditional Standard: Restrained Review

[P. 1805, add footnote to sentence appearing after n.107:]

Vacco v. Quill, 521 U.S. 793 (1997) (assisted suicide prohibition does not violate Equal Protection Clause by distinguishing between terminally ill patients on life-support systems who are allowed to direct the removal of such systems and patients who are not on life support systems and are not allowed to hasten death by self-administering prescribed drugs).

TRADITIONAL EQUAL PROTECTION: ECONOMIC REGULATION AND RELATED EXERCISES OF THE POLICE POWER

Police Power Regulation

—Classification

[P. 1831, add to n.260 after paragraph headed “Attorneys”:]

Cable Television: exemption from regulation under the Cable Communications Policy Act of facilities that serve only dwelling units under common ownership. FCC v. Beach Communications, 508 U.S. 307 (1993). Regulatory efficiency is served by exempting those systems for which the costs of regulation exceed the benefits to consumers, and potential for monopoly power is lessened when a cable system operator is negotiating with a single owner.

Other Business and Employment Relations

—Labor Relations

[P. 1834, add footnote at end of first sentence of section:]


EQUAL PROTECTION AND RACE

Juries

[P. 1855, add to n.79 after citation to Powers v. Ohio:]


Permissible Remedial Utilizations of Racial Classifications

[P. 1868, delete last sentence and add to text at end of section:]

The distinction between federal and state power to apply racial classifications proved ephemeral. The Court ruled in Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Pena 36 that racial classifications imposed by fed-

36515 U.S. 200 (1995). This was a 5 to 4 decision. Justice O'Connor's opinion of Court was joined by Chief Justice Rehnquist, and by Justices Kennedy, Thomas,
eral law must be analyzed by the same strict scrutiny standard that is applied to evaluate state and local classifications based on race. The Court overruled Metro Broadcasting and, to the extent that it applied a review standard less stringent than strict scrutiny, Fullilove v. Klutznick. Strict scrutiny is to be applied regardless of the race of those burdened or benefited by the particular classification; there is no intermediate standard applicable to “benign” racial classifications. The underlying principle, the Court explained, is that the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments protect persons, not groups. It follows, therefore, that classifications based on the group characteristic of race “should be subjected to detailed judicial inquiry to ensure that the personal right to equal protection ... has not been infringed.”

THE NEW EQUAL PROTECTION

Classifications Meriting Close Scrutiny

—Sex

[P. 1879, add to text after n.51:]

Even when the negative “stereotype” which is evoked is that of a stereotypical male, the Court has evaluated this as potential gender discrimination. In J.E.B. v. Alabama ex rel. T.B., the Court addressed a paternity suit where men had been intentionally excluded from a jury through peremptory strikes. The Court rejected as unfounded the argument that men, as a class, would be more sympathetic to the defendant, the putative father. The Court also determined that gender-based exclusion of jurors would undermine the litigants’ interest by tainting the proceedings, and in addition would harm the wrongfully excluded juror.

[P. 1881, add to n.58:]

See also Miller v. Albright, 523 U.S. 420 (1998) (opinion by Justice Stevens, joined by Justice Rehnquist) (equal protection not violated where paternity of a child of a citizen mother is established at birth, but child of citizen father must establish paternity by age 18).

[P. 1885, add to text after n.76:]

In a 1996 case, the Court required that a State demonstrate “exceedingly persuasive justification” for gender discrimination. When a female applicant challenged the exclusion of women from

and—to the extent not inconsistent with his own concurring opinion—Scalia. Justices Stevens, Souter, Ginsburg and Breyer dissented.

37 515 U.S. at 227 (emphasis original).
the historically male-only Virginia Military Institute (VMI), the State of Virginia defended the exclusion of females as essential to the nature of training at the military school. The State argued that the VMI program, which included rigorous physical training, deprivation of personal privacy, and an “aversative model” that featured minute regulation of behavior, would need to be unacceptably modified to facilitate the admission of women. While recognizing that women’s admission would require accommodation such as different housing assignments and physical training programs, the Court found that the reasons set forth by the State were not “exceedingly persuasive,” and thus the State did not meet its burden of justification. The Court also rejected the argument that a parallel program established by the State at a private women’s college served as an adequate substitute, finding that the program lacked the military-style structure found at VMI, and that it did not equal VMI in faculty, facilities, prestige, or alumni network.

**Fundamental Interests: The Political Process**

—Apportionment and Districting

[P. 1905, add to n.157 after citation for Summers v. Cenarrusa:]

But see Voinovich v. Quilter, 507 U.S. 146 (1993) (vacating and remanding for further consideration the rejection of a deviation in excess of 10 percent intended to preserve political subdivision boundaries).

[P. 1906, add to n.161:]


[P. 1906, add to text following n.161:]

Even if racial gerrymandering is intended to benefit minority voting populations, it is subject to strict scrutiny under the Equal Protection Clause if racial considerations are the dominant and controlling rationale in drawing district lines. Showing that a district’s “bizarre” shape departs from traditional districting principles such as compactness, contiguity, and respect for political subdivision lines may serve to reinforce such a claim, although three Justices would not preclude the creation of “reasonably compact”

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40 Miller v. Johnson, 515 U.S. 900 (1995) (drawing congressional district lines in order to comply with §5 of the Voting Rights Act as interpreted by the Department of Justice not a compelling governmental interest).
41 Id.; Shaw v. Reno, 509 U.S. 630 (1993). See also Shaw v. Hunt, 517 U.S. 899 (1996) (creating an unconventionally-shaped majority-minority congressional district in one portion of State in order to alleviate effect of fragmenting geographically compact minority population in another portion of State does not remedy a violation of §2 of Voting Rights Act, and is thus not a compelling governmental interest).
majority-minority districts in order to remedy past discrimination or to comply with the requirements of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.42

The Right to Travel

[P. 1911, add new paragraph following heading:] The doctrine of the “right to travel” actually encompasses three separate rights, of which two have been notable for the uncertainty of their textual support. The first is the right of a citizen to move freely between States, a right venerable for its longevity, but still lacking a clear doctrinal basis.43 The second, expressly addressed by the first sentence of Article IV, provides a citizen of one State who is temporarily visiting another State the “Privileges and Immunities” of a citizen of the latter State.44 The third is the right of a new arrival to a State, who establishes citizenship in that State, to enjoy the same rights and benefits as other state citizens. This right is most often invoked in challenges to durational residency requirements, which require that persons reside in a State for a specified period of time before taking advantage of the benefits of that State’s citizenship.

—Durational Residency Requirements

[P. 1911, add new paragraph to text following heading:] Challenges to durational residency requirements have traditionally been made under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. In 1999, however, a majority of the Supreme Court approved a doctrinal shift, so that state laws which distinguished between their own citizens based on how long they had been in the State would be evaluated instead under the Privileges or Immunities Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.45 The Court


43Saenz v. Roe, 526 U.S. 489 (1999). “For the purposes of this case, we need not identify the source of [the right to travel] in the text of the Constitution. The right of "free ingress and regress to and from" neighboring States which was expressly mentioned in the text of the Articles of Confederation, may simply have been "conceived from the beginning to be a necessary concomitant of the stronger Union the Constitution created." Id. at 501 (citations omitted). See main text infra n.5 [p. 1912].

44Paul v. Virginia, 8 U.S. (Wall) 168, 180 (1868) ("without some provision ... removing from citizens of each State the disabilities of alienage in other States, and giving them equality of privilege with citizens of those States, the Republic would have constituted little more than a league of States; it would not have constituted the Union which now exists").

did not, however, question the continuing efficacy of the earlier cases.

[P. 1913, add to text following sentence containing n.10:]

The Privileges or Immunities Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment was the basis for striking down a California law which limited welfare benefits for California citizens who had resided in the State for less than a year to the level of benefits which they would have received in the State of their prior residence.

[P. 1913, add to text following n.13:]

More recently, the Court has attempted to clarify these cases by distinguishing situations where a state citizen is likely to “consume” benefits within a State’s borders (such as the provision of welfare) from those where citizens of other States are likely to establish residency just long enough to acquire some portable benefit, and then return to their original domicile to enjoy them (such as obtaining a divorce decree or paying in-state tuition rate for a college education).

[P. 1916, add new heading and text following n.24:]

Sexual Orientation

In Romer v. Evans, the Supreme Court struck down a state constitutional amendment which both overturned local ordinances prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals, lesbians or bisexuals, and prohibited any state or local governmental action to either remedy discrimination or to grant preferences based on sexual orientation. The Court declined to follow the lead of the Supreme Court of Colorado, which had held that the amendment infringed on gays’ and lesbians’ fundamental right to participate in the political process. The Court also rejected the application of the heightened standard reserved for suspect classes, and sought only to determine whether the legislative classification had a rational relation to a legitimate end.

The Court found that the amendment failed even this restrained review. Animus against a class of persons was not considered by the Court as a legitimate goal of government: “[I]f the constitutional conception of ‘equal protection of the laws’ means anything, it must at the very least mean that a bare . . . desire to harm a politically unpopular group cannot constitute a legitimate governing
mental interest.” The Court then rejected arguments that the amendment protected the freedom of association rights of landlords and employers, or that it would conserve resources in fighting discrimination against other groups. The Court found that the scope of the law was unnecessarily broad to achieve these stated purposes, and that no other legitimate rationale existed for such a restriction.

Poverty and Fundamental Interests: The Intersection of Due Process and Equal Protection

—Criminal Procedure

[P. 1919, add to n.40 after citation to Penson v. Ohio:] But see Smith v. Robbins, 528 U.S. 259 (2000) (upholding California law providing that appellate counsel may limit his or her role to filing a brief summarizing the case and record and requesting the court to examine record for non-frivolous issues).

—Access to Courts

[P. 1922, add paragraph to text following n.56:] The continuing vitality of Griffin v. Illinois, however, is seen in the case of M.L.B. v. S.L.J., where the Court considered whether a State seeking to terminate the parental rights of an indigent must pay for the preparation of the transcript required for pursuing an appeal. Unlike in Boddie, the State, Mississippi, had afforded the plaintiff a trial on the merits, and thus the “monopolization” of the avenues of relief alleged in Boddie was not at issue. As in Boddie, however, the Court focused on the substantive due process implications of the state limiting “[c]hoices about marriage, family life, and the upbringing of children,” while also referencing cases establishing a right of equal access to criminal appellate review. Noting that even a petty offender had a right to have the State pay for the transcript needed for an effective appeal, and that the forced dissolution of parental rights was “more substantial than mere loss of money,” the Court ordered Mississippi to provide the plaintiff the court records necessary to pursue her appeal.

50 517 U.S. at 634, quoting Department of Agriculture v. Moreno, 413 U.S. 528, 534 (1973).
54 519 U.S. at 121 (quoting Santosky v. Kramer, 455 U.S. 745, 756 (1982)).
ENFORCEMENT
—State Action

[P. 1933, delete last full paragraph of section, and substitute the following:]

The Court, however, ultimately rejected this expansion of the powers of Congress in United States v. Morrison. In Morrison, the Court invalidated a provision of the Violence Against Women Act that established a federal civil remedy for victims of gender-motivated violence. The case involved a university student who brought a civil action against other students who allegedly raped her. The argument was made that there was a pervasive bias against victims of gender-motivated violence in state justice systems, and that the federal remedy would offset and deter this bias. The Court first reaffirmed the state action requirement for legislation passed under the Fourteenth Amendment, dismissing the dicta in Guest, and reaffirming the precedents of the Civil Rights Cases and United States v. Harris. The Court also rejected the assertion that the legislation was “corrective” of bias in the courts, as the suits are not directed at the State or any state actor, but rather at the individuals committing the criminal acts.

55 120 S. Ct. 1740, 1754-59 (2000).
57 120 S. Ct. at 1756 (quoting Shelley v. Kraemer, 334 U.S. 1, 13 (1948), for the proposition that the Amendment “erects no shield against merely private conduct, however discriminatory or wrongful”).
58 This holding may have broader significance for federal civil rights law. For instance, 42 U.S.C. § 1985(3) (a civil statute paralleling the criminal statute held unconstitutional in United States v. Harris) lacks a “color of law” requirement. Although the requirement was read into it in Collins v. Hardyman, 341 U.S. 651 (1951), to avoid constitutional problems, it was read out again in Griffin v. Breckinridge, 403 U.S. 88, 97 (1971) (while it might be “difficult to conceive of what might constitute a deprivation of the equal protection of the laws by private persons ... there is nothing inherent in the phrase that requires the action working the deprivation to come from the State”). What the unanimous Court held in Griffin was that an “intent to deprive of equal protection, or equal privileges and immunities, means that there must be some racial, or perhaps otherwise class-based, invidiously discriminatory animus behind the conspirators’ action.” Id. at 102. As so construed, the statute was held constitutional as applied in the complaint before the Court on the basis of the Thirteenth Amendment and the right to travel; there was no necessity therefore, to consider Congress’ powers under § 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment. Id. at 107.

The lower courts have been quite divided with respect to what constitutes a non-racial, class-based animus, and what constitutional protections must be threatened before a private conspiracy can be reached under § 1985(3). See, e.g., Action v. Gannon, 450 F.2d 1227 (8th Cir. 1971); Dombrowski v. Dowling, 459 F.2d 190 (7th Cir. 1972); Great American Fed. S. & L. Ass'n v. Novotny, 584 F.2d 1235 (3d Cir. 1978) (en banc), rev'd, 442 U.S. 366 (1979); Scott v. Moore, 680 F.2d 979 (5th Cir. 1982) (en banc). The Court's decision in Morrison, however, appears to preclude the use of § 1985(3) in relation to Fourteenth Amendment rights absent some state action.
—Congressional Definition of Fourteenth Amendment Rights

[P. 1936, add to text following n.127:]

The case of City of Boerne v. Flores, 59 however, illustrates that the Court will not always defer to Congress' determination as to what legislation is appropriate to "enforce" the provisions of the Fourteenth Amendment. In Flores, the Court held that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, 60 which expressly overturned the Court's narrowing of religious protections under Employment Division v. Smith, 61 exceeded congressional power under section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment. Although the Court allowed that Congress' power to legislate to deter or remedy constitutional violations may include prohibitions on conduct that is not itself unconstitutional, the Court also held that there must be "a congruence and proportionality" between the means adopted and the injury to be remedied. 62 Unlike the pervasive suppression of the African-American vote in the South which led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act, there was no similar history of religious persecution constituting an "egregious predicate" for the far-reaching provision of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Also, unlike the Voting Rights Act, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act contained no geographic restrictions or termination dates. 63

A reinvigorated Eleventh Amendment jurisprudence has led to a spate of decisions applying the principles the Court set forth in Boerne, as litigants precluded from arguing that a State's sovereign immunity has been abrogated under Article I congressional powers 64 seek alternative legislative authority in section 5. For instance, in Florida Prepaid Postsecondary Education Expense Board v. College Savings Bank, 65 a bank which had patented a financial method designed to guarantee investors sufficient funds to cover the costs of college tuition sued the State of Florida for administering a similar program, arguing that the State's sovereign immunity had been abrogated by Congress in exercise of its Fourteenth Amendment powers. 66

62 521 U.S. at 533.
63 521 U.S. at 532–33. The Court found that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act was "so far out of proportion to a supposed remedial or preventive object that it cannot be understood as responsive to, or designed to prevent, unconstitutional behavior." Id.
Amendment enforcement power. The Court, however, held that application of the federal patent law to the States was not properly tailored to remedy or prevent due process violations. The Court noted that Congress had identified no pattern of patent infringement by the States, nor a systematic denial of state remedy for such violations such as would constitute a deprivation of property without due process.66

A similar result was reached regarding the application of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act to state agencies in Kimel v. Florida Board of Regents.67 In determining that the Act did not meet the “congruence and proportionality” test, the Court focused not just on whether state agencies had engaged in age discrimination, but on whether States had engaged in unconstitutional age discrimination. This was a particularly difficult test to meet, as the Court has generally rejected constitutional challenges to age discrimination by States, finding that there is a rational basis for States to use age as a proxy for other qualities, abilities and characteristics.68 Noting the lack of a sufficient legislative record establishing broad and unconstitutional state discrimination based on age, the Court found that the ADEA, as applied to the States, was “so out of proportion to a supposed remedial or preventive object that it cannot be understood as responsive to or designed to prevent unconstitutional behavior.”69

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66527 U.S. at 639-46. See also College Savings Bank v. Florida Prepaid Postsecondary Educ. Expense Bd., 527 U.S. 666 (1999) (Trademark Remedy Clarification Act amendment to Lanham Act subjecting States to suits for false advertising is not a valid exercise of Fourteenth Amendment power; neither the right to be free from a business competitor’s false advertising nor a more generalized right to be secure in one’s business interests qualifies as a “property” right protected by the Due Process Clause).

67120 S. Ct. 631 (2000). Again, the issue of the Congress’ power under §5 of the Fourteenth Amendment arose because sovereign immunity prevents private actions against States from being authorized under Article I powers such as the Commerce Clause.


69120 S. Ct. at 647, quoting City of Boerne, 521 U.S. at 532.
FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT

ABOLITION OF SUFFRAGE QUALIFICATIONS ON BASIS OF RACE

Adoption and Judicial Enforcement

—The Judicial View of the Amendment

[P. 1940, add new paragraph to text at end of section:]

Although “the immediate concern of the Amendment was to guarantee to the emancipated slaves the right to vote,” the Amendment “is cast in fundamental terms” that transcend that immediate objective, and “grants protection to all persons, not just members of a particular race.”

Moreover, the Court has construed “race” broadly to comprehend classifications based on ancestry as well as those based on race.

“Ancestry can be a proxy for race,” the Court explained recently, finding such a proxy in Hawaii’s limitation of the right to vote in a statewide election for an office responsible for administering a trust for the benefit of persons who can trace their ancestry to Hawaiian inhabitants of 1778.

Congressional Enforcement

—Federal Remedial Legislation

[P. 1949, add to n.59:]

In Lopez v. Monterey County, 525 U.S. 266 (1999), the Court reiterated its prior holdings that Congress may exercise its enforcement power based on discriminatory effects, and without any finding of discriminatory intent.

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2 Guinn v. United States, 238 U.S. 347 (1915) (invalidating Oklahoma exception to literacy requirement for any “lineal descendants” of persons entitled to vote in 1866).

TWENTY-FIRST AMENDMENT

Scope of Regulatory Power Conferred upon the States

—Effect of Section 2 upon Other Constitutional Provisions

[P. 1982, delete sentence containing n.31 and substitute the following:] [P. 1983, add to text at end of section:]

The Court departed from this line of reasoning in California v. LaRue.1

In 44 Liquormart, Inc. v. Rhode Island,2 the Court disavowed LaRue and Bellanca, and reaffirmed that, “although the Twenty-first Amendment limits the effect of the dormant Commerce Clause on a state’s regulatory power over the delivery or use of intoxicating beverages within its borders, ‘the Amendment does not license the States to ignore their obligations under other provisions of the Constitution,’”3 and therefore does not afford a basis for state legislation infringing freedom of expression protected by the First Amendment. There is no reason, the Court asserted, for distinguishing between freedom of expression and the other constitutional guarantees (e.g., those protected by the Establishment and Equal Protection Clauses) held to be insulated from state impairment pursuant to powers conferred by the Twenty-first Amendment. The Court hastened to add by way of dictum that states retain adequate police powers to regulate “grossly sexual exhibitions in premises licensed to serve alcoholic beverages.” “Entirely apart from the Twenty-first Amendment, the State has ample power to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages in inappropriate locations.”4

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2 517 U.S. 484 (1996) (statutory prohibition against advertisements that provide the public with accurate information about retail prices of alcoholic beverages is not shielded from constitutional scrutiny by the Twenty-first Amendment).
3 517 U.S. at 516 (quoting Capital Cities Cable, Inc., v. Crisp, 467 U.S. 691, 712 (1984)).
4 517 U.S. at 515.
ACTS OF CONGRESS HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

   The prohibition in section 5(e)(2) of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act of 1935 on the display of alcohol content on beer labels is inconsistent with the protections afforded to commercial speech by the First Amendment. The government's interest in curbing strength wars among brewers is substantial, but, given the “overall irrationality” of the regulatory scheme, the labeling prohibition does not directly and materially advance that interest.
   
   Justices concurring: Thomas, O’Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, Souter, Ginsburg, Breyer, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.
   Justice concurring specially: Stevens.

   A federal tax on insurance premiums paid to foreign insurers not subject to the federal income tax violates the Export Clause, Art. I, § 9, cl. 5, as applied to casualty insurance for losses incurred during the shipment of goods from locations within the United States to purchasers abroad.
   
   Justices concurring: Thomas, O’Connor, Scalia, Souter, Breyer, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.
   Justice dissenting: Kennedy, Ginsburg.

   The Party Expenditure Provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act, which limits expenditures by a political party “in connection with the general election campaign of a [congressional] candidate,” violates the First Amendment when applied to expenditures that a political party makes independently, without coordination with the candidate.
   
   Justices concurring: Breyer, O'Connor and Souter.
   Justices concurring in part and dissenting in part: Kennedy, Scalia, Thomas, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.
   Justices dissenting: Stevens and Ginsburg.

   A provision of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act authorizing an Indian tribe to sue a State in federal court to compel performance of a duty to negotiate in good faith toward the formation of a compact

Justice concurring: Chief Justice Rehnquist, and O'Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, and Thomas.
Justice dissenting: Stevens, Souter, Ginsburg and Breyer.

Section 501(b) of the Ethics in Government Act, as amended in 1989 to prohibit Members of Congress and federal employees from accepting honoraria, violates the First Amendment as applied to Executive Branch employees below grade GS–16. The ban is limited to expressive activity and does not include other outside income, and the "speculative benefits" of the ban do not justify its "crudely crafted burden" on expression.

Justice concurring: Stevens, Kennedy, Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer.
Justice concurring in part and dissenting in part: O'Connor.
Justice dissenting: Chief Justice Rehnquist, and Scalia and Thomas.

The Gun Free School Zones Act of 1990, which makes it a criminal offense to knowingly possess a firearm within a school zone, exceeds congressional power under the Commerce Clause. It is "a criminal statute that by its terms has nothing to do with 'commerce' or any sort of economic enterprise." Possession of a gun at or near a school "is in no sense an economic activity that might, through repetition elsewhere, substantially affect any sort of interstate commerce."

Justice concurring: Chief Justice Rehnquist, and O'Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, and Thomas.
Justice dissenting: Stevens, Souter, Breyer, and Ginsburg.

Section 27A(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as added in 1991, requiring reinstatement of any section 10(b) actions that were dismissed as time barred subsequent to a 1991 Supreme Court decision, violates the Constitution's separation of powers to the extent that it requires federal courts to reopen final judgments in private civil actions. The provision violates a fundamental principle of Article III that the federal judicial power comprehends the power to render dispositive judgments.


Section 10(b) of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, which requires cable operators to segregate and block indecent programming on leased access channels if they do not prohibit it, violates the First Amendment. Section 10(c) of the Act, which permits a cable operator to prevent transmission of “sexually explicit” programming on public access channels, also violates the First Amendment.


Justices concurring: Breyer, Stevens, O'Connor (§ 10(b) only), Kennedy, Souter, and Ginsburg.

Justice dissenting: Thomas, Scalia, O'Connor (§ 10(c) only), and Chief Justice Rehnquist.


Section 207 of the Indian Land Consolidation Act, as amended in 1984, effects an unconstitutional taking of property without compensation by restricting a property owner’s right to pass on property to his heirs. The amended section, like an earlier version held unconstitutional in Hodel v. Irving (1987), provides that certain small interests in Indian land will escheat to the tribe upon death of the owner. None of the changes made in 1984 cures the constitutional defect.


Justices concurring: Ginsburg, O'Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, Souter, Thomas, Breyer, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.

Justice dissenting: Stevens.


The Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which directed use of the compelling interest test to determine the validity of laws of general applicability that substantially burden the free exercise of religion, exceeds congressional power under section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment. Congress’ power under section 5 to “enforce” the Fourteenth Amendment by “appropriate legislation” does not extend to defining the substance of the Amendment’s restrictions. This RFRA appears to do. RFRA “is so far out of proportion to a supposed remedial or preventive object that it cannot be understood as responsive to, or designed to prevent, unconstitutional behavior.”


Justices concurring: Kennedy, Stevens, Thomas, Ginsburg, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.
Justice concurring specially: Scalia.
Justices dissenting: O'Connor, Breyer; Souter.


Two provisions of the Communications Decency Act of 1996—one that prohibits knowing transmission on the Internet of obscene or indecent messages to any recipient under 18 years of age, and the other that prohibits the knowing sending or displaying of patently offensive messages in a manner that is available to anyone under 18 years of age—violate the First Amendment.


Justices concurring: Stevens, Scalia, Kennedy, Souter, Thomas, Ginsburg, and Breyer.

Justices concurring in part and dissenting in part: O'Connor and Chief Justice Rehnquist.


Interim provisions of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act that require state and local law enforcement officers to conduct background checks on prospective handgun purchasers are inconsistent with the Constitution’s allocation of power between Federal and State governments. In New York v. United States, 505 U.S. 144 (1992), the Court held that Congress may not compel states to enact or enforce a federal regulatory program, and “Congress cannot circumvent that prohibition by conscripting the State’s officers directly.”


Justices concurring: Scalia, O'Connor, Kennedy, Thomas, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.

Justices dissenting: Stevens, Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer.


The Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT) violates the Export Clause of the Constitution, Art. I, § 9, d. 5 to the extent that the tax applies to goods loaded for export at United States ports. The HMT, which requires shippers to pay a uniform charge of 0.125 percent of cargo value on commercial cargo shipped through the Nation’s ports, is an impermissible tax rather than a permissible user fee. The value of export cargo does not correspond reliably with federal harbor services used by exporters, and the tax does not, therefore, represent compensation for services rendered.


Section 504(c) of the Copyright Act, which authorizes a copyright owner to recover statutory damages, in lieu of actual damages, “in a sum of not less than $500 or more than $20,000 as the court considers
just,” does not grant the right to a jury trial on the amount of statutory damages. The Seventh Amendment, however, requires a jury determination of the amount of statutory damages.


The Coal Industry Retiree Health Benefit Act of 1992 is unconstitutional as applied to the petitioner Eastern Enterprises. Pursuant to the Act, the Social Security Commissioner imposed liability on Eastern for funding health care benefits of retirees from the coal industry who had worked for Eastern prior to 1966. Eastern had transferred its coal-related business to a subsidiary in 1965. Four Justices viewed the imposition of liability on Eastern as a violation of the Takings Clause, and one Justice viewed it as a violation of substantive due process.


Justices concurring: O’Connor, Scalia, Thomas, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.

Justice concurring specially: Kennedy.

Justices dissenting: Stevens, Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer.


The Line Item Veto Act, which gives the President the authority to “cancel in whole” three types of provisions that have been signed into law, violates the Presentment Clause of Article I, section 7. In effect, the law grants to the President “the unilateral power to change the text of duly enacted statutes.” This Line Item Veto Act authority differs in important respects from the President’s constitutional authority to “return” (veto) legislation: the statutory cancellation occurs after rather than before a bill becomes law, and can apply to a part of a bill as well as the entire bill.


Justices concurring: Stevens, Kennedy, Souter, Thomas, Ginsburg, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.

Justices dissenting: Scalia, O’Connor, and Breyer.


Section 316 of the Communications Act of 1934, which prohibits radio and television broadcasters from carrying advertisements for privately operated casino gambling regardless of the station’s or casino’s location, violates the First Amendment’s protections for commercial speech as applied to prohibit advertising of private casino gambling broadcast by stations located within a state where such gambling is illegal.


Justices concurring: Stevens, O’Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, Souter, Ginsburg, Breyer, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.
Justice concurring specially: Thomas.


Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1974 subjecting non-consenting states to suits for damages brought by employees in state courts violates the principle of sovereign immunity implicit in the constitutional scheme. Congress lacks power under Article I to subject non-consenting states to suits for damages in state courts.


Justices concurring: Kennedy, O’Connor, Scalia, Thomas, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.

Justices dissenting: Souter, Stevens, Ginsburg, and Breyer.


The Trademark Remedy Clarification Act, which provided that states shall not be immune from suit under the Trademark Act of 1946 (Lanham Act) “under the eleventh amendment ... or under any other doctrine of sovereign immunity,” did not validly abrogate state sovereign immunity. Congress lacks power to do so in exercise of Article I powers, and the TRCA cannot be justified as an exercise of power under section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment. The right to be free from a business competitor’s false advertising is not a “property right” protected by the Due Process Clause.


Justices concurring: Scalia, O’Connor, Kennedy, Thomas, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.

Justices dissenting: Stevens, Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer.


The Patent and Plant Variety Remedy Clarification Act, which amended the patent laws to expressly abrogate states’ sovereign immunity from patent infringement suits is invalid. Congress lacks power to abrogate state immunity in exercise of Article I powers, and the Patent Remedy Clarification Act cannot be justified as an exercise of power under section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment. Section 5 power is remedial, yet the legislative record reveals no identified pattern of patent infringement by states and the Act’s provisions are “out of proportion to a supposed remedial or preventive object.”


Justices concurring: Chief Justice Rehnquist, and O’Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, and Thomas.

Justices dissenting: Stevens, Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer.

The Fair Labor Standards Act Amendments of 1974, amending the Age Discrimination in Employment Act to subject states to damages actions in federal courts, exceeds congressional power under section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment. Age is not a suspect classification under the Equal Protection Clause, and the ADEA is “so out of proportion to a remedial or preventive object that it cannot be understood as responsive to, or designed to prevent, unconstitutional behavior.”

Justices concurring: O’Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, Thomas, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.
Justices dissenting: Stevens, Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer.


A provision of the Violence Against Women Act that creates a federal civil remedy for victims of gender-motivated violence exceeds congressional power under the Commerce Clause and under section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment. The commerce power does not authorize Congress to regulate “noneconomic violent criminal conduct based solely on that conduct’s aggregate effect on interstate commerce.” The Fourteenth Amendment prohibits only state action, and affords no protection against purely private conduct. Section 13981, however, is not aimed at the conduct of state officials, but is aimed at private conduct.

Justices concurring: Chief Justice Rehnquist, and O’Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, and Thomas.
Justices dissenting: Souter, Breyer, Stevens, and Ginsburg.


Section 505 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which required cable TV operators that offer channels primarily devoted to sexually oriented programming to prevent signal bleed either by fully scrambling those channels or by limiting their transmission to designated hours when children are less likely to be watching, violates the First Amendment. The provision is content-based, and therefore can only be upheld if narrowly tailored to promote a compelling governmental interest. The measure is not narrowly tailored, since the Government did not establish that the less restrictive alternative found in section 504 of the Act—that of scrambling a channel at a subscriber’s request—would be ineffective.

Justices concurring: Kennedy, Stevens, Souter, Thomas, and Ginsburg.


A section of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 purporting to reinstate the voluntariness principle that had governed the constitutionality of custodial interrogations prior to the Court’s decision in Miranda v. Arizona, 384 U.S. 486 (1966), is an invalid attempt by Congress to redefine a constitutional protection defined by the Court. The warnings to suspects required by Miranda are constitution-based rules. While the Miranda Court invited a legislative rule that would be “at least as effective” in protecting a suspect’s right to remain silent, section 3501 is not an adequate substitute.

Justices dissenting: Scalia and Thomas.
STATE ACTS HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL

A rule of the Florida Board of Accountancy banning “direct, in-person, uninvited solicitation” of business by certified public accountants is inconsistent with the free speech guarantees of the First Amendment.

Justices concurring: Kennedy, White, Blackmun, Stevens, Scalia, Souter, Thomas, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.
Justice dissenting: O'Connor.

Oklahoma may not impose income taxes or motor vehicle taxes on members of the Sac and Fox Nation who live in “Indian country,” whether the land is within reservation boundaries, on allotted lands, or in dependent communities. Such tax jurisdiction is considered to be preempted unless Congress has expressly provided to the contrary.

An Ohio statute setting priority of claims against insolvent insurance companies is preempted by the federal priority statute, 31 U.S.C. § 3713, which accords first priority to the United States, to the extent that the Ohio law protects the claims of creditors who are not policyholders. Insofar as it protects the claims of policyholders, the law is saved from preemption by section 2(b) of the McCarran-Ferguson Act.

Justice dissenting: Kennedy, Scalia, Souter, Thomas.

Oregon's imposition of a surcharge on in-state disposal of solid waste generated in other states—a tax three times greater than the fee charged for disposal of waste that was generated in Oregon—constitutes an invalid burden on interstate commerce. The tax is facially discriminatory against interstate commerce, is not a valid compensatory tax, and is not justified by any other legitimate state interest.

Justices concurring: Thomas, Stevens, O'Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, Souter, Ginsburg.
Justices dissenting: Chief Justice Rehnquist, and Blackmun.

Missouri's uniform, statewide use tax constitutes an invalid discrimination against interstate commerce in those counties in which the use tax is greater than the sales tax imposed as a local option, even though the overall statewide effect of the use tax places a lighter
aggregate tax burden on interstate commerce than on intrastate commerce.


Montana's tax on the possession of illegal drugs, to be "collected only after any state or federal fines or forfeitures have been satisfied," constitutes punishment, and violates the prohibition, derived from the Double Jeopardy Clause, against successive punishments for the same offense.

Justices concurring: Stevens, Blackmun, Kennedy, Souter, and Ginsburg.
Justices dissenting: Chief Justice Rehnquist, and O'Connor, Scalia, and Thomas.


A Massachusetts milk pricing order, imposing an assessment on all milk sold by dealers to Massachusetts retailers, is an unconstitutional discrimination against interstate commerce because the entire assessment is then distributed to Massachusetts dairy farmers in spite of the fact that about two-thirds of the assessed milk is produced out of state. The discrimination imposed by the pricing order is not justified by a valid factor unrelated to economic protectionism.

Justices concurring: Stevens, O'Connor, Kennedy, Souter, and Ginsburg.
Justices concurring specially: Scalia and Thomas.
Justices dissenting: Chief Justice Rehnquist and Blackmun.


A provision of the Oregon Constitution, prohibiting judicial review of the amount of punitive damages awarded by a jury unless the court can affirmatively say there is no evidence to support the verdict, is invalid under the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Judicial review of the amount awarded was one of the few procedural safeguards available at common law, yet Oregon has removed that safeguard without providing any substitute procedure, and with no indication that the danger of arbitrary awards has subsided.

Justices concurring: Stevens, Blackmun, O'Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, Souter, and Thomas.
Justices dissenting: Ginsburg and Chief Justice Rehnquist.


A New York State law creating a special school district for an incorporated village composed exclusively of members of one small religious sect violates the Establishment Clause.

Justices concurring: Souter, Blackmun, Stevens, O'Connor, and Ginsburg.
Justice concurring specially: Kennedy.
Justices dissenting: Scalia, Thomas, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.


The Illinois Consumer Fraud Act, to the extent that it authorizes actions in state court challenging as "unfair or deceptive" marketing
practices an airline company’s changes in its frequent flyer program, is preempted by the Airline Deregulation Act, which prohibits states from “enact[ing] or enforc[ing] any law ... relating to [air carrier] rates, routes, or services.”


Justices concurring specially: O’Connor, Thomas.

Justice dissenting: Stevens.


Ohio’s prohibition on the distribution of anonymous campaign literature abridges the freedom of speech. The law, aimed at speech designed to influence voters in an election, is a limitation on political expression subject to exacting scrutiny. Neither of the interests asserted by Ohio justifies the limitation.

Justices concurring: Stevens, O’Connor, Kennedy, Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer.

Justice concurring specially: Thomas.

Justice dissenting: Scalia, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.


An amendment to the Arkansas Constitution denying ballot access to congressional candidates who have already served three terms in the House of Representatives or two terms in the Senate is invalid as conflicting with the qualifications for office set forth in Article I of the U.S. Constitution, (specifying age, duration of U.S. citizenship, and state inhabitancy requirements). Article I sets the exclusive qualifications for a United States Representative or Senator.

Justices concurring: Stevens Kennedy, Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer.

Justices dissenting: Thomas, O’Connor, Scalia, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.


Oklahoma may not impose its motor fuels excise tax upon fuel sold by Chickasaw Nation retail stores on tribal trust land. The legal incidence of the motor fuels tax fall—on the retailer, located within Indian country, and the petitioner did not properly raise the issue of whether Congress had authorized such taxation in the Hayden-Cartwright Act.


Application of Massachusetts’ public accommodations law to require the private organizers of a St. Patrick’s Day parade to allow participation in the parade by a gay and lesbian group wishing to proclaim its members’ gay and lesbian identity violates the First Amendment because it compels parade organizers to include in the parade a message they wish to exclude.

Georgia’s congressional districting plan violates the Equal Protection Clause. The district court’s finding that race was the predominant factor in drawing the boundaries of the Eleventh District was not clearly erroneous. The State did not meet its burden under strict scrutiny review to demonstrate that its districting was narrowly tailored to achieve a compelling interest.

Justices concurring: Kennedy, O’Connor, Scalia, Thomas, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.


North Carolina’s intangibles tax on a fraction of the value of corporate stock owned by North Carolina residents inversely proportional to the corporation’s exposure to the State’s income tax, violates the “dormant” Commerce Clause. The tax facially discriminates against interstate commerce, and is not a “compensatory tax” designed to make interstate commerce bear a burden already borne by intrastate commerce.


A federal law empowering national banks in small towns to sell insurance (12 U.S.C. § 92) preempts a Florida law prohibiting banks from dealing in insurance. The federal law contains no explicit statement of preemption, but preemption is implicit because the state law stands as an obstacle to the accomplishment of one of the federal law’s purposes.


Rhode Island’s statutory prohibition against advertisements that provide the public with accurate information about retail prices of alcoholic beverages abridges freedom of speech protected by the First Amendment, and is not shielded from constitutional scrutiny by the Twenty-first Amendment. There is not a “reasonable fit” between the blanket prohibition and the State’s goal of reducing alcohol consumption.

Justices concurring: Stevens, Scalia (in part), Kennedy (in part), Souter (in part), Thomas (in part), and Ginsburg (in part).

Justices concurring specially: Scalia, Thomas, O’Connor, Souter, Breyer, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.


Amendment 2 to the Colorado Constitution, which prohibits all legislative, executive, or judicial action at any level of state or local government if that action is designed to protect homosexuals, violates the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. The amendment, adopted by statewide referendum in 1992, does not bear a rational relationship to a legitimate governmental purpose.
STATE ACTS HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Justices concurring: Kennedy, Stevens, O'Connor, Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer.
Justices dissenting: Scalia, Thomas, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.


A Montana law declaring an arbitration clause unenforceable unless notice that the contract is subject to arbitration appears in underlined capital letters on the first page of the contract is preempted by the Federal Arbitration Act.

Justice dissenting: Thomas.


North Carolina’s congressional districting law, containing the racially gerrymandered 12th Congressional District as well as another majority-black district, violates the Equal Protection Clause because, under strict scrutiny applicable to racial classifications, creation of District 12 was not narrowly tailored to serve a compelling state interest. Creation of District 12 was not necessary to comply with either section 2 or section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, and the lower court found that the redistricting plan was not actually aimed at ameliorating past discrimination.

Justices concurring: Chief Justice Rehnquist, and O'Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, and Thomas.
Justice dissenting: Stevens, Ginsburg, Souter, and Breyer.


Three congressional districts created by Texas law constitute racial gerrymanders that are unconstitutional under the Equal Protection Clause. The district court correctly held that race predominated over legitimate districting considerations, including incumbency, and consequently strict scrutiny applies. None of the three districts is narrowly tailored to serve a compelling state interest.

Justices concurring specially: O'Connor, Kennedy, Thomas, and Scalia.
Justices dissenting: Stevens, Ginsburg, Breyer, and Souter.


Virginia’s exclusion of women from the educational opportunities provided by Virginia Military Institute denies to women the equal protection of the laws. A state must demonstrate “exceedingly persuasive justification” for gender discrimination, and Virginia has failed to do so in this case.

Justices concurring: Ginsburg, Stevens, O'Connor, Kennedy, Souter, and Breyer.
Justice concurring specially: Chief Justice Rehnquist.
Justice dissenting: Scalia.
Mississippi statutes that condition appeals from trial court decrees terminating parental rights on the affected parent's ability to pay for preparation of a trial transcript violate the Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment. Decrees terminating parental rights belong in the same category of cases, starting with **Griffin v. Illinois**, 351 U.S. 12 (1956), in which the Court has ruled that the State's adverse action against an individual is so devastating that access to appellate review may not be made contingent upon ability to pay.

Justices concurring: Ginsburg, Stevens, O'Connor, Souter, and Breyer.
Justices concurring specially: Kennedy.
Justices dissenting: Chief Justice Rehnquist, and Thomas, and Scalia.

A Florida statute canceling early release credits awarded to prisoners as a result of prison overcrowding violates the Ex Post Facto Clause, Art. I, §10, cl. 1, as applied to a prisoner who had already been awarded the credits and released from custody. The cancellation of early release credits met the two-part test for an ex post facto law: it was "clearly retrospective" and it disadvantaged the petitioner by lengthening his period of incarceration.

Justices concurring specially: Thomas, and Scalia.

A Georgia statute requiring that candidates for state office certify that they have passed a drug test effects a "search" that is plainly not tied to individualized suspicion, and does not fit within the "closely guarded category of constitutionally permissible suspicionless searches," and hence violates the Fourth Amendment. Georgia has failed to establish existence of a "special need, beyond the normal need for law enforcement," that can justify such a search.

Justices concurring: Ginsburg, Stevens, O'Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, Souter, Thomas, and Breyer.
Justice dissenting: Chief Justice Rehnquist.

Maine's property tax law, which contains an exemption for charitable institutions but limits that exemption to institutions serving principally Maine residents, violates the "dormant" Commerce Clause as applied to deny exemption status to a nonprofit corporation that operates a summer camp for children, most of whom are not Maine residents. The nonprofit character of the enterprise does not exclude it from protection. Protectionism, whether targeted at for-profit or not-for-profit entities, is prohibited.
A Louisiana statute that provides for an “open primary” in October for election of Members of Congress and that provides that any candidate receiving a majority of the vote in that primary “is elected,” conflicts with the federal law, 2 U.S.C. §§ 1 and 7, that provides for a uniform federal election day in November, and is void to the extent of conflict. “[A] contested selection of candidates for a congressional office that is concluded as a matter of law before the federal election day . . . clearly violates § 7.”

A New York law that effectively denies only nonresident taxpayers an income tax deduction for alimony paid violates the Privileges or Immunities Clause of Art. IV, § 2. New York did not adequately justify its failure to treat resident and nonresident taxpayers with substantial equality.

An Iowa statute authorizing law enforcement officers to conduct a full-blown search of an automobile when issuing a traffic citation violates the Fourth Amendment. The rationales that justify a search incident to arrest do not justifiably a similar search incident to a traffic citation.

Three conditions that Colorado placed on the petition process for ballot initiatives—that petition circulators be registered voters, that they wear identification badges, and that initiative sponsors report the names and addresses of circulators and the amounts paid to each—impermissibly restrict political speech in violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments.

Alabama’s franchise tax law discriminates against foreign corporations in violation of the Commerce Clause. The law establishes a domestic corporation’s tax base as the par value of its capital stock, a value that the corporation may set at whatever level it chooses. The tax base of a foreign corporation, on the other hand, contains balance sheet items that the corporation cannot so manipulate.
A provision of California's Welfare and Institutions Code limiting new residents, for the first year they live in California, to the level of welfare benefits that they would have received in the state of their prior residence abridges the right to travel in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Justices concurring: Stevens, O'Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer.

Justices dissenting: Chief Justice Rehnquist, and Thomas.

A provision of the Hawaii Constitution restricting the right to vote for trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to persons who are descendants of people inhabiting the Hawaiian Islands in 1778 is a race-based voting qualification that violates the Fifteenth Amendment. Ancestry can be—and in this case is—a proxy for race.

Justices concurring: Kennedy, O'Connor, Scalia, Thomas, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.

Justices concurring specially: Breyer and Souter.

Justices dissenting: Stevens and Ginsburg.

Four Washington State regulations governing oil tanker operations and manning are preempted. Primarily through Title II of the Ports and Waterways Safety Act of 1972, Congress has occupied the field of regulation of general seaworthiness of tankers and their crews, and there is no room for these state regulations imposing training and English language proficiency requirements on crews and imposing staffing requirements for navigation watch. State reporting requirements applicable to certain marine incidents are also preempted.

A Texas law that eliminated a requirement that the testimony of a sexual assault victim age 14 or older must be corroborated by two other witnesses violates the Ex Post Facto Clause of Art. I, § 10 as applied to a crime committed while the earlier law was in effect. So applied, the law falls into the category of an ex post facto law that requires less evidence in order to convict. Under the old law, the petitioner could have been convicted only if the victim's testimony had been corroborated by two witnesses, while under the amended law the petitioner was convicted on the victim's testimony alone.

Justices concurring: Stevens, Scalia, Souter, Thomas, and Breyer.


A Washington State law allowing "any person" to petition a court "at any time" to obtain visitation rights whenever visitation "may
serve the best interests” of a child is unconstitutional as applied to an order requiring a parent to allow her child’s grandparents more extensive visitation than the parent wished. Because no deference was accorded to the parent’s wishes, the parent’s due process liberty interest in making decisions concerning her child’s care, custody, and control was violated.

Justice concurring specially: Souter and Thomas.
Justice dissenting: Stevens, Scalia, and Kennedy.


A New Jersey “hate crime” statute that allows a judge to extend a sentence upon finding by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant, in committing a crime for which he has been found guilty, acted with a purpose to intimidate because of race, violates the Fourteenth Amendment’s Due Process Clause and the Sixth Amendment’s requirements of speedy and public trial by an impartial jury. Any fact that increases the penalty for a crime beyond the prescribed statutory maximum must be submitted to a jury and established beyond a reasonable doubt.

Justices concurring: Stevens, Scalia, Souter, Thomas, and Ginsburg.
Justice concurring specially: Thomas.
Justice dissenting: O’Connor, Kennedy, Breyer, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.


California’s “blanket primary” law violates the First Amendment associational rights of political parties. The law lists all candidates on one ballot and allows primary voters to choose freely among candidates without regard to party affiliation. The law “adulterate[s]” a party’s candidate-selection process by forcing the party to open up that process to persons wholly unaffiliated with the party, and is not narrowly tailored to serve a compelling state interest.

Justices concurring: Scalia, O’Connor, Kennedy, Souter, Thomas, Breyer, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.
Justice dissenting: Stevens and Ginsburg.


Application of New Jersey’s public accommodations law to require the Boy Scouts of America to admit an avowed homosexual as a member and assistant scout master violates the organization’s First Amendment associational rights. The general mission of the Scouts, to instill values in young people, is expressive activity entitled to First Amendment protection, and requiring the Scouts to admit a gay scout leader would contravene the Scouts’ asserted policy disfavoring homosexual conduct.

Justices concurring: Chief Justice Rehnquist, and O’Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, and Thomas.
Justices dissenting: Stevens, Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer.


Nebraska’s statute criminalizing the performance of “partial birth abortions” is unconstitutional under principles set forth in Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey. The statute lacks an exception for instances in which the banned procedure is necessary to preserve the health of the mother, and, because it applies to the commonplace dilation and evacuation procedure as well as to the dilation and extraction method, imposes an “undue burden” on a woman’s right to an abortion.

Justices concurring: Breyer, Stevens, O’Connor, Souter, and Ginsburg.

Justices dissenting: Chief Justice Rehnquist, and Scalia, Kennedy, and Thomas.
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Cincinnati’s refusal, pursuant to an ordinance prohibiting distribution of commercial handbills on public property, to allow the distribution of commercial publications through freestanding newsracks located on public property, while at the same time allowing similar distribution of newspapers and other noncommercial publications, violates the First Amendment.

Justices concurring: Stevens, Blackmun, O’Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, and Souter.

Justices dissenting: Chief Justice Rehnquist, and White and Thomas.

Hialeah, Florida ordinances banning the killing of animals in a ritual sacrifice are unconstitutional as infringing the free exercise of religion by members of the Santeria religion.

Justices concurring: Kennedy, White, Stevens, Scalia, Souter, Thomas, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.

Justices concurring specially: Blackmun and O’Connor.

Clarkstown, New York “flow control” ordinance, which requires all solid waste within the town to be processed at a designated transfer station before leaving the municipality, discriminates against interstate commerce and is invalid under the Commerce Clause.

Justices concurring: Kennedy, Stevens, Scalia, Thomas, and Ginsburg.

Justice concurring specially: O’Connor.

Justice dissenting: Souter, Blackmun, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.

An ordinance of the City of Ladue, Missouri, which prohibits all signs but makes exceptions for several narrow categories, violates the First Amendment by prohibiting a resident from placing in the window of her home a sign containing a political message. By prohibiting residential signs that carry political, religious, or personal messages, the ordinance forecloses “a venerable means of communication that is both unique and important.”

Chicago’s Gang Congregation Ordinance, which prohibits “criminal street gang members” from “loitering” with one another or with other persons in any public place after being ordered by a police officer to disperse, violates the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. The ordinance violates the requirement that a legislature establish minimal guidelines for law enforcement.

Justices concurring: Stevens, O’Connor, Kennedy, Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer.

Justices dissenting: Scalia, Thomas, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.
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