Affirmative action in college admissions has been a polarizing policy since its inception, decried by some as unfairly biased and supported by others as a necessary corrective to institutionalized inequality. In recent years, the protected status of affirmative action has become uncertain, as legal challenges chip away at its foundations. This book looks through a sociological lens at both the history of affirmative action and its increasingly tenuous future. J. Scott Carter and Cameron D. Lippard first survey how and why so-called "colorblind" rhetoric was originally used to frame affirmative action and promote a political ideology. The authors then provide detailed examinations of a host of recent Supreme Court cases that have sought to threaten or undermine it. Carter and Lippard analyze why the arguments of these challengers have successfully influenced widespread changes in attitude toward affirmative action, concluding that the discourse and arguments over these policies are yet more unfortunate manifestations of the quest to preserve the racial status quo in the United States.
scientific expert testimony. The workshop explored the new environment judges, plaintiffs, defendants, and experts face in light of "Daubert" and "Kumho," when presenting and evaluating scientific, engineering, and medical evidence.

**The Death of Affirmative Action?**

Case Studies in Sport Law, Second Edition, provides students with specific examples and perspectives of some of the most significant cases in sport law in an accessible tone that is free of legal jargon. The text is an ideal companion for non-law students who are seeking clarity and context for legal issues commonly encountered in sport management and sport law settings. The 87 cases provide real-life applications for students and scholars of sport management. This updated second edition of Case Studies in Sport Law contains one new case study to provide a more contemporary example while maintaining the most significant precedent cases. The text is easily incorporated as a supplement to course studies, especially for its recommended companion text, Introduction to Sport Law, Second Edition. These two texts were designed with the other in mind, and the structures match each other in order of topics presented so that students can easily cross-reference the two to obtain the best understanding of sport law. The 87 cases in Case Studies in Sport Law have been carefully curated by a team of experts in the field and represent many of the multifaceted aspects of sport law. Some of the areas covered in the text are school districts, colleges and universities, interscholastic and recreational programs, professional sport franchises, sporting goods manufacturers and trademarks, and governing bodies. This broad approach encourages students to understand the impact of legal issues on the sport industry, including many of the areas that students are hoping to pursue as a career. Case Studies in Sport Law offers condensed versions of each case as opposed to the full legal proceedings, which enables students to grasp key concepts of the case instead of wading through legal jargon. The cases are divided into the main topics that are most prevalent in sport law courses: agency law, antitrust law, constitutional law, contract law, employment law, intellectual property, labor law, products liability, risk management, statutory law, Title IX, tort law, and the U.S. legal system. This is an easy-to-follow format that allows instructors and readers easy selection of cases based on the topic at hand. In addition to the abridged court cases, each section provides introductory information to prepare students on the type of law that will be examined and key concepts to bear in mind while reading. Further, each case study ends with review questions that can test student comprehension, be used for review, and prompt in-class discussions. Answers to these review questions are in the instructor guide, which is free to course adopters and available at www.HumanKinetics.com/CaseStudiesInSportLaw. Litigation and lawsuits in sport are increasing; therefore, managers and operators must maintain a thorough understanding of legal practices. Case Studies in Sport Law is the ideal text to supplement a sport management or sport law class and bolster student comprehension of sport law issues, and it is a supreme reference in the professional library of all practitioners in college, high school, professional, and recreational sport settings.

**An Introduction to Constitutional Law**

**The Supreme Court Under Marshall and Taney**

An updated study of the Supreme Court from 1787 to the present day profiles every justice from John Jay to Samuel Alito, Jr., and examines the cases that have transformed American history and the court's controversial rulings on such issues as racial segregation, abortion, gay rights, and free speech. Reprint. 30,000 first printing.

**Proportionality in Action**

This book examines the significance of values in Supreme Court decision making. Drawing on theories and techniques from psychology, it focuses on the content analysis of judgments and uses a novel methodology to reveal the values that underpin decision making. The book centres on cases which divide judicial opinion: Dworkin's hard cases 'in which the result is not clearly dictated by statute or precedent'. In hard cases, there is real uncertainty about the legal rules that should be applied, and factors beyond traditional legal sources may influence the decision-making process. It is in these uncertain cases – where legal developments can rest on a single judicial decision – that values are revealed in the judgments. The
findings in this book have significant implications for developments in law, judicial decision making and the appointment of the judiciary.

The Dangers of Misunderstanding the Anti-Federalist Papers (Part 2)

In 2008, India's legal system drew heavy criticism in response to a court's decision to admit Brain Fingerprinting (BF) evidence in a murder trial. Brain Fingerprinting is a neurologically-based lie detector created by Lawrence Farwell that was a mere flash in the pan forensic technique in the US criminal justice system. Not only was the evidence allowed in the murder trial, but the technique had become more ingrained in the criminal justice system as an investigative tool. Only when the Supreme Court ruled on its admissibility and constitutionality in 2010 was its use limited. The court ruled that its evidence was inadmissible. For investigative purposes, the court did rule the technique as constitutional, but only when voluntary. Seeking to understand why India was more receptive to utilizing BF than the US, this paper used archival research and a content analysis of 22 collected case opinions (2 Supreme Court opinions, 19 High Court opinions and one conviction trial). Opinions were analyzed for what and how the courts attributed investigative and evidentiary value to BF. These opinions were embedded in a political atmosphere emphasizing innovation and legitimizing India as a developed nation. Grounding the analysis in concepts of modernization and Jasanoff's "co-production" of science and law, this paper focuses on how the processes of the legal system play a primary role in the (continued) modernization of India. This revealed two pathways to help India gain legitimacy as a developed nation: innovation, and global conformity.

The Supreme Court and American Democracy: Case Studies on Judicial Review and Public Policy

In this groundbreaking book, Scalia and Garner systematically explain all the most important principles of constitutional, statutory, and contractual interpretation in an engaging and informative style with hundreds of illustrations from actual cases. Is a burrito a sandwich? Is a corporation entitled to personal privacy? If you trade a gun for drugs, are you using a gun in a drug transaction? The authors grapple with these and dozens of equally curious questions while explaining the most principled, lucid, and reliable techniques for deriving meaning from authoritative texts. Meanwhile, the book takes up some of the most controversial issues in modern jurisprudence. What, exactly, is "textualism?" Why is "strict construction" a bad thing? What is the true doctrine of "originalism?" And which is more important: the spirit of the law, or the letter? The authors write with a well-argued point of view that is definitive yet nuanced, straightforward yet sophisticated.

Supreme Court

There is almost no political question in the United States, wrote Alexis de Tocqueville, that is not resolved sooner or later into a judicial question. The U.S. Supreme Court is the ultimate arbiter of judicial questions, weighing the laws enacted by the people's representatives against the inviolable fundamental law embodied in the U.S. Constitution. Virtually every vital political and social issue comes before the Court: abortion, affirmative action, capital punishment, elections and voting, gay rights, gun control, separation of church and state, and more. This book presents living law, the case-by-case shaping of the law on each of these controversial issues, in the justices' own words and with informative commentary. There is almost no political question in the United States, wrote Alexis de Tocqueville, that is not resolved sooner or later into a judicial question. The U.S. Supreme Court is the ultimate arbiter of judicial questions, weighing the laws enacted by the people's representatives against the inviolable fundamental law embodied in the U.S. Constitution. Virtually every vital political and social issue comes before the Court: abortion, affirmative action, capital punishment, elections and voting, gay rights, gun control, separation of church and state, and more. This book presents living law, the case-by-case shaping of the law on each of these controversial issues, in the justices' own words and with informative commentary.
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Look at This Mess!

Judicial Process and Judicial Policymaking

The Milligan Case

This multimedia platform combines a book and video series that will change the way you study constitutional law. An Introduction to Constitutional Law teaches the narrative of constitutional law as it has developed over the past two centuries. All students—even those unfamiliar with American history—will learn the essential background information to grasp how this body of law has come to be what it is today. An online library of sixty-three videos (access codes provided with purchase of the book) brings the Supreme Court's one hundred most important decisions to life. These videos are enriched by photographs, maps, and even audio from the Supreme Court. The book and videos are accessible for all levels: law school, college, high school, home school, and independent study. Students can read and watch these materials before class to prepare for lectures or study after class to fill in any gaps in their notes. And, come exam time, students can watch the entire canon of constitutional law in about twelve hours.

The Nature of Supreme Court Power

A comparative and empirical analysis of proportionality in the case law of six constitutional and supreme courts.

Dictionarium Britannicum

In this remarkable collaboration, one of the nation's leading civil rights lawyers joins forces with one of the world's foremost cultural psychologists to put American constitutional law into an American cultural context. By close readings of key Supreme Court opinions, they show how storytelling tactics and deeply rooted mythic structures shape the Court's decisions about race, family law, and the death penalty. Minding the Law explores crucial psychological processes involved in the work of lawyers and judges: deciding whether particular cases fit within a legal rule ("categorizing"), telling stories to justify one's claims or undercut those of an adversary ("narrative"), and tailoring one's language to be persuasive without appearing partisan ("rhetorics"). Because these processes are not unique to the law, courts' decisions cannot rest solely upon legal logic but must also depend vitally upon the underlying culture's storehouse of familiar tales of heroes and villains. But a culture's stock of stories is not changeless. Amsterdam and Bruner argue that culture itself is a dialectic constantly in progress, a conflict between the established canon and newly imagined "possible worlds." They illustrate the swings of this dialectic by a masterly analysis of the Supreme Court's race-discrimination decisions during the past century.
passionate plea for heightened consciousness about the way law is practiced and made, Minding the Law/titl will be welcomed by a new generation concerned with renewing law's commitment to a humane justice. Table of Contents: 1. Invitation to a Journey 2. On Categories 3. Categorizing at the Supreme Court Missouri v. Jenkins and Michael H. v. Gerald D. 4. On Narrative 5. Narratives at Court Prigg v. Pennsylvania and Freeman v. Pitts 6. On Rhetorics 7. The Rhetorics of Death McCleskey v. Kemp 8. On the Dialectic of Culture 9. Race, the Court, and America's Dialectic From Plessy through Brown to Pitts and Jenkins 10. Reflections on a Voyage Appendix: Analysis of Nouns and Verbs in the Prigg, Pitts, and Brown Opinions Notes Table of Cases Index Reviews of this book: Amsterdam, a distinguished Supreme Court litigator, wanted to do more than share the fruits of his practical experience. He also wanted to get students to think about thinking like a lawyer. To decode what he calls "law-think," he enlisted the aid of the venerable cognitive psychologist Jerome Bruner and the collaboration has resulted in [this] unusual book. --James Ryerson, Lingua Franca Reviews of this book: It is hard to imagine a better time for the publication of Minding the Law, a brilliant dissection of the court's work by two eminent scholars, law professor Anthony G. Amsterdam and cultural anthropologist Jerome Bruner. Issue by issue, case by case, Amsterdam and Bruner make mincemeat of the court's handling of the most important constitutional issue of the modern era: how to eradicate the American legacy of race discrimination, especially against blacks.--Edward Lazarus, Los Angeles Times Book Review Reviews of this book: The agile minds of Amsterdam and Bruner, clearly storehouses of knowledge on a range of subjects, allow an approach that might sound far-fetched occasionally but pays dividends in the form of gained perspective--and amusement. --Elisabeth Lasch-Quinn, Washington Times Reviews of this book: Stories and the way judges--intentionally or not--categorize and spin them, are as responsible for legal rulings as logic and precedent, Mr. Amsterdam and Mr. Bruner said. Their novel attempt to reach into the psyche of members of the Supreme Court is part of a growing interest in a long-neglected and cryptic subject: the psychology of judicial decision-making. --Sanford Levinson, author of Constitutional Faith Tony Amsterdam, the leader in the legal campaign against the death penalty, and Jerome Bruner, who has struggled for equal justice in education for forty years, have written a guide to demystifying legal reasoning. With clarity, wit, and immense learning, they reveal the semantic tricks lawyers and judges sometimes use--consciously and unconsciously--to justify the results they want to reach. --Jack Greenberg, Professor of Law, Columbia Law School
Controversy in the Classroom

Brown V. Board of Education

The Rights Retained by the People

In recent years, the Supreme Court's use of the Federalist Papers has received much scholarly attention, but no analysis has focused on the Anti-Federalist Papers. This Article undertakes the first systematic analysis of the Court's use of the Anti-Federalist Papers and concludes that the Supreme Court has misused the Anti-Federalist Papers as a source of original meaning by treating all Anti-Federalist Papers alike when they are actually of differing historical value. Increasingly, the Court treats little-read Anti-Federalist Papers written by unknown authors identically to the widely reprinted writings of those Anti-Federalists present at the Constitutional Convention and prominent in the ratifying debates. The Court's confusion of availability with authority is not unique to the Anti-Federalist Papers. Rather, this confusion represents an under-examined pitfall in the process of canon formation: the dangers of increased availability. In 1981, Herbert Storing published a "complete" volume of Anti-Federalist Papers, including many little-known Papers with relatively low historical impact. Almost immediately, members of the Court cited many of these marginal papers alongside the words of prominent founders, confusing contemporary availability for jurisprudential authority. Storing's 1981 publication effectively served as a controlled experiment: documents which were uncirculated for two centuries were suddenly made widely available in a single volume. Studying the impact of the publication of these documents and the uses to which these documents were put provides insight into the larger challenges posed by increased availability in the modern era. The Dangers of misunderstanding the Anti-Federalist Papers as a case study for examining unrecognized dangers that arise from increased availability, the volume includes the complete texts of The Anti-Federalist Papers and Constitutional Convention debates, commentaries, and an Index of Ideas. A series of essays arguing against a stronger and more energetic union as embodied in the new Constitution. It also lists cross-references to its companion volume, this work is considered, by many, to be the authoritative compendium on the publications. Along with The Federalist Papers, this invaluable book documents the political context in which the Constitution was born.

The Heller Case

In a conservative educational climate that is dominated by policies like No Child Left Behind, one of the most serious effects has been for educators to worry about the politics of what they are teaching and how they are teaching it. As a result, many dedicated teachers choose to avoid controversial issues altogether in preference for "safe" knowledge and "safe" teaching practices. Diana Hess interrupts this dangerous trend by providing readers a spirited and detailed argument for why curricula and teaching based on controversial issues are truly crucial at this time. Through rich empirical research from real classrooms throughout the nation, she demonstrates why schools have the potential to be particularly powerful sites for democratic education and why this form of education must include sustained attention to authentic and controversial political issues that animate political communities. The purposeful inclusion of controversial issues in the school curriculum, when done wisely and well, can communicate by example the essence of what makes communities democratic while simultaneously building the skills and dispositions that young people will need to live in and improve such communities.

US Supreme Court Doctrine in the State High Courts

A People's History of the Supreme Court

Reflecting ongoing changes in the structure and regulation of modern business practice, Business Organizations: Cases, Problems, and Case Studies, now in its Third Edition, offers a unique combination of doctrine, problems, and case studies. Recent, high-interest cases are balanced against classic teaching chestnuts. Brief, innovative problems are used in combination with longer case studies. The hands-on
problem sets use actual cases and on-line case files to unveil situations faced by identified companies' bringing the real world, and a wealth of source materials, right into your classroom. At a critical juncture in the history of business law in the U.S., the Third Edition offers timely yet streamlined coverage. Recent legislation and Supreme Court decisions, new and updated problems, and a substantially revised companion website support a clear and sustained examination of the role and purview of the law in business transactions. Offering clear descriptions of developing business law, this vivid and timely casebook features: a discriminating selection of fresh cases and classic chestnuts in-depth coverage of how the law applies to modern business structures, (such as joint ventures, venture capital arrangements, franchises, and new limited liability business forms) as well as growth industries (such as computers, biotechnology, and telecommunications) short problems after selected topics give students practice applying the legal principles covered in that section case studies styled on the B-school model that provide opportunities for in-depth analysis of the law in business transactions hybrid entities treated in detail, including a separate chapter on limited liability. Recording a critical moment in the history of business law, the Third Edition examines: recent legislative developments and Supreme Court cases new coverage of Section E, Limited Partnerships, with a focus on private equity LP new and updated problems that consistently reinforce topical coverage additional features on the companion website

**Have the U. S. Supreme Court's 5th Amendment Takings Decisions Changed Land Use Planning in California?**

**Expanded United States Supreme Court Judicial Database**

Proposition 13 reduced the ability of local gov't s. to finance public goods and infrastructure through local taxes. Local gov't s. responded by increasing their reliance on fees and exactions. The constitutional takings clause may represent yet another limitation on the ability of local gov't s. to finance public improvements. In addition, CA's burgeoning population and scenic and natural resources make it fertile ground for the conflicts associated with growth: how should transportation infrastructure and other public services be financed as communities spread outward? How should open space, habitat, and access to recreational resources be preserved and paid for? Tables.

**Judging Inequality**

Describes the landmark 1954 Supreme Court case that struck down state-sponsored racial segregation in American public schools and its long-term influence on American education, race relations, and the Civil Rights Movement, and offers incisive profiles of the key players--including Thurgood Marshall.

**Mass Media and the Constitution**

An excellent introduction to judicial politics as a method of analysis, the seventh edition of Judicial Process and Judicial Policymaking focuses on policy in the judicial process. Rather than limiting the text to coverage of the U.S. Supreme Court, G. Alan Tarr examines the judiciary as the third branch of government, and weaves four major premises throughout the text: 1) Courts in the United States have always played an important role in governing and their role has increased in recent decades; 2) Judicial policymaking is a distinctive activity; 3) Courts make policy in a variety of ways; and 4) Courts may be the objects of public policy, as well as creators. New to the Seventh Edition ? New cases through the end of the Supreme Court's 2018 term. ? New case studies on the Garland-Gorsuch controversy; plea negotiation (of special relevance to the Trump administration); and the litigation over Obamacare, as well as brief coverage of the Kavanaugh confirmation. ? Expanded coverage of the crisis in the legal profession, sentencing with attention to the rise of mass incarceration and the issue of race, constitutional interpretation and the rise of “originalism,” and same-sex marriage. ? Updated tables and figures throughout. ? A new online e-Resource including edited cases, a glossary of terms, and resources for further learning. This text is appropriate for all students of judicial process and policy.

**Minding the Law**
There are three general models of Supreme Court decision making: the legal model, the attitudinal model and the strategic model. But each is somewhat incomplete. This book advances an integrated model of Supreme Court decision making that incorporates variables from each of the three models. In examining the modern Supreme Court, since Brown v. Board of Education, the book argues that decisions are a function of the sincere preferences of the justices, the nature of precedent, and the development of the particular issue, as well as separation of powers and the potential constraints posed by the president and Congress. To test this model, the authors examine all full, signed civil liberties and economic cases decisions in the 1953–2000 period. Decision Making by the Modern Supreme Court argues, and the results confirm, that judicial decision making is more nuanced than the attitudinal or legal models have argued in the past.

**Reading Law**

Eight case-studies undertaken in Australia, entitled “Minding Culture: Case-Studies on Intellectual Property and Traditional Cultural Expressions” were selected, prepared, researched and written by Ms. Terri Janke, an Australian lawyer. The studies have been incorporated together in WIPO/GRTKF/STUDY/2.

**The Age of Expert Testimony**


**Minding Culture**

**Making Civil Rights Law**

Presenting a new theoretical perspective, Fix and Kassow show how law and politics shape state high court use of Supreme Court precedent. This book approaches this complex topic in an accessible way that will appeal to anyone interested in law and politics or traditional approaches to legal decision-making.

**United States Supreme Court Judicial Database, Phase II**

In Making Civil Rights Law, Tushnet provides a chronological narrative history of the legal struggle that preceded the political battles for civil rights, in the thirties, forties, and fifties, waged by the NAACP Legal Defense Fund led by Thurgood Marshall. Tushnet brings clarity to the legal reasoning that animated this `Constitutional revolution', showing how the slow development of doctrine and precedent reflected an overall legal strategy of Marshall and the NAACP.

**Introduction to Sport Law With Case Studies in Sport Law-2nd Edition**

Social scientists have convincingly documented soaring levels of political, legal, economic, and social inequality in the United States. Missing from this picture of rampant inequality, however, is any attention to the significant role of state law and courts in establishing policies that either ameliorate or exacerbate inequality. In Judging Inequality, political scientists James L. Gibson and Michael J. Nelson demonstrate the influential role of the fifty state supreme courts in shaping the widespread inequalities that define America today, focusing on court-made public policy on issues ranging from educational equity and adequacy to LGBT rights to access to justice to worker’s rights. Drawing on an analysis of an original database of nearly 6,000 decisions made by over 900 judges on 50 state supreme courts over a quarter century, Judging Inequality documents two ways that state high courts have crafted policies relevant to inequality: through substantive policy decisions that fail to advance equality and by rulings favoring more privileged litigants (typically known as “upperdogs”). The authors discover that whether court-sanctioned policies lead to greater or lesser inequality depends on the ideologies of the justices serving on these high benches, the policy preferences of their constituents (the people of their state), and the institutional structures that determine who becomes a judge as well as who decides whether those individuals remain
in office. Gibson and Nelson decisively reject the conventional theory that state supreme courts tend to
protect underdog litigants from the wrath of majorities. Instead, the authors demonstrate that the
ideological compositions of state supreme courts most often mirror the dominant political coalition in their
state at a given point in time. As a result, state supreme courts are unlikely to stand as an independent
force against the rise of inequality in the United States, instead making decisions compatible with the
preferences of political elites already in power. At least at the state high court level, the myth of judicial
independence truly is a myth. Judging Inequality offers a comprehensive examination of the powerful role
that state supreme courts play in shaping public policies pertinent to inequality. This volume is a landmark
contribution to scholarly work on the intersection of American jurisprudence and inequality, one that
essentially rewrites the “conventional wisdom” on the role of courts in America’s democracy.

**Decision Making by the Modern Supreme Court**

What influences decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court? For decades social scientists focused on the
ideology of individual justices. Supreme Court Decision Making moves beyond this focus by exploring how
justices are influenced by the distinctive features of courts as institutions and their place in the political
system. Drawing on interpretive-historical institutionalism as well as rational choice theory, a group of
leading scholars consider such factors as the influence of jurisprudence, the unique characteristics of
supreme courts, the dynamics of coalition building, and the effects of social movements. The volume's
distinguished contributors and broad range make it essential reading for those interested either in the
Supreme Court or the nature of institutional politics. Original essays contributed by Lawrence Baum, Paul
Brace, Elizabeth Bussiere, Cornell Clayton, Sue Davis, Charles Epp, Lee Epstein, Howard Gillman,
Melinda Gann Hall, Ronald Kahn, Jack Knight, Forrest Maltzman, David O’Brien, Jeffrey Segal, Charles
Sheldon, James Spriggs II, and Paul Wahlbeck.

**Supreme Court Decision-Making**

Few institutions in the world are credited with initiating and confounding political change on the scale of
the United States Supreme Court. The Court is uniquely positioned to enhance or inhibit political reform,
enshrine or dismantle social inequalities, and expand or suppress individual rights. Yet despite claims of
victory from judicial activists and complaints of undemocratic lawmaking from the Court's critics, numerous
studies of the Court assert that it wields little real power. This book examines the nature of Supreme Court
power by identifying conditions under which the Court is successful at altering the behavior of state and
private actors. Employing a series of longitudinal studies that use quantitative measures of behavior
outcomes across a wide range of issue areas, it develops and supports a new theory of Supreme Court
power.

**Seeking Legitimacy as a Developed Nation Through Innovation**

When we think of constitutional law, we invariably think of the United States Supreme Court and the
federal court system. Yet much of our constitutional law is not made at the federal level. In 51 Imperfect
Solutions, U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Jeffrey S. Sutton argues that American Constitutional Law should
account for the role of the state courts and state constitutions, together with the federal courts and the
federal constitution, in protecting individual liberties. The book tells four stories that arise in four different
areas of constitutional law: equal protection; criminal procedure; privacy; and free speech and free
exercise of religion. Traditional accounts of these bedrock debates about the relationship of the individual
to the state focus on decisions of the United States Supreme Court. But these explanations tell just part of
the story. The book corrects this omission by looking at each issue—and some others as well-through the
lens of many constitutions, not one constitution; of many courts, not one court; and of all American judges,
not federal or state judges. Taken together, the stories reveal a remarkably complex, nuanced, ever-
changing federalist system, one that ought to make lawyers and litigants pause before reflexively
assuming that the United States Supreme Court alone has all of the answers to the most vexing
constitutional questions. If there is a central conviction of the book, it's that an underappreciation of state
constitutional law has hurt state and federal law and has undermined the appropriate balance between
state and federal courts in protecting individual liberty. In trying to correct this imbalance, the book also
offers several ideas for reform.
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