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## Constitution 1988

*Greece, Rome, and the Bill of Rights* Susan Ford Wiltshire 1992 The principle that a purpose of government is to protect the individual rights and minority opinions of its citizens is a recent idea in human history. A doctrine of human rights could never have evolved, however, if the ancient Athenians had not invented the revolutionary idea that human beings are capable of governing themselves and if the ancient Romans had not created their elaborate system of law. Susan Ford Wiltshire traces the evolution of the doctrine of individual rights from antiquity through the eighteenth century. The common thread through that long story is the theory of natural law. Growing out of Greek political thought, especially that of Aristotle, natural law became a major tenet of Stoic philosophy during the Hellenistic age and later became attached to Roman legal doctrine. It underwent several transformations during the Middle Ages on the Continent and in England, especially in the thought of John Locke, before it came to justify a theory of natural rights, claimed by Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence as the basis of the "unalienable rights" of Americans. Amendment by amendment, Wiltshire assesses in detail the ancient parallels for the twenty-odd provisions of the Bill of Rights. She does not claim that it is directly influenced by Greek and Roman political practice. Rather, she examines classical efforts toward assuring such guarantees as freedom of speech, religious toleration, and trial by jury. Present in the ancient world, too, were early experiments in limiting search and seizure, the billeting of soldiers, and the right to bear arms. Wiltshire concludes that while the idea of individual rights evolved later than classical antiquity, the civic infrastructure supporting such rights in the United States is preeminently a legacy from ancient Greece and Rome. In the era celebrating the Bicentennial of the Bill of Rights, Greece, Rome, and the Bill of Rights reminds us once again that the idea of ensuring human rights has a long history, one as tenuous but as enduring as the story of human freedom itself.

*Loose Sallies Essays* Daniel J. Kornstein 2014-01-23 *Loose Sallies* is a new collection of essays from an experienced writer who also happens to be a full time practicing lawyer. In this stimulating and provocative volume, Daniel J. Kornstein turns his searching eye and fluent pen to a number of topics of interest to all of us. The first group of essays contains Kornstein's original thoughts on the drafting of the U.S. Constitution, a subject that affects us every day. Next he explores the most treasured part of our Constitution: our precious civil liberties. From there the author describes some interesting personalities and their lives. The final section is a miscellany of essays on subjects as varied as: the similarities between politics and litigation, whether private schools should be abolished, Bill Clinton and the draft, anti semitism in New York and London, and Steve Jobs and Ayn Rand. All in all, *Loose Sallies* is a virtuoso performance, a tour de force, by one of our finest essayists.

## The Bill of Rights Learned Hand 1960

*The Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise History of the Supreme Court of the United States Volume 6 Hardback Set: Volume 6 Set* Charles Fairman 2010-04 The two volumes collectively entitled *Reconstruction and Reunion, 1864-1888* examine the history of the Supreme Court during the tenure of Chief Justices Salmon P. Chase and Morrison R. Waite during the politically and constitutionally turbulent Reconstruction period.

*The Great Dissent* Thomas Healy 2013-08-20 Based on newly discovered letters and memos, this riveting scholarly history of the conservative justice who became a free-speech advocate and established the modern understanding of the First Amendment reconstructs his journey from free-speech skeptic to First Amendment hero. (This book was previously featured in Forecast.)

*Keeping the Faith* John E. Semonche 2000-01-01 This ambitious and accessible history of the nation's highest court contains information important for every American to know.

*History of the Supreme Court of the United States* Carl B. Swisher 2009-11-23 *Antecedents and Beginnings to 1801* is the first of twelve volumes in the Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise History of the Supreme Court of the United States. In this first volume, Julius Goebel Jr. details the creation of a national judiciary in the United States under the Act of 1789 and traces the Supreme Court's development through its first decade of existence. The book is organized into three parts. The first part describes the background of American constitutionalism. Goebel then goes on to depict the Constitutional Convention, the ensuing debate over ratification, and the framing of the Bill of Rights. In the final part of the book, he explains how early legislation affected the judiciary and the initial experience of the circuit courts and of the Supreme Court. These three parts are divided into seventeen chapters, together with a statistical analysis of the business of the Supreme Court from 1789 to 1801 and substantial notes on manuscript sources.

*Overruled: The Long War for Control of the U.S. Supreme Court* Damon Root 2014-11-04 In a story of two competing visions—judicial activism versus judicial restraint—the role that the government and the courts should play in our society, a fundamental debate that goes to the very heart of our constitutional system, is discussed.

*History of the Supreme Court of the United States* Julius Goebel, Jr. 2009-11-23 *Antecedents and Beginnings to 1801* is the first of twelve volumes in the Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise History of the Supreme Court of the United States. In this first volume, Julius Goebel Jr. details the creation of a national judiciary in the United States under the Act of 1789 and traces the Supreme Court's development through its first decade of existence. The book is organized into three parts. The first part describes the background of American constitutionalism. Goebel then goes on to depict the Constitutional Convention, the ensuing debate over ratification, and the framing of the Bill of Rights. In the final part of the book, he explains how early legislation affected the judiciary and the initial experience of the circuit courts and of the Supreme Court. These three parts are divided into seventeen chapters, together with a statistical analysis of the business of the Supreme Court from 1789 to 1801 and substantial notes on manuscript sources.

*The Free Speech Century* Geoffrey R. Stone 2018-12-04 The Supreme Court's 1919 decision in *Schenck vs. the United States* is one of the most important free speech cases in American history. Written by Oliver Wendell Holmes, it is most famous for first invoking the phrase "clear and present danger." Although the decision upheld the conviction of an individual for criticizing the draft during World War I, it also laid the foundation for our nation's robust protection of free speech. Over time, the standard Holmes devised made freedom of speech in America a reality rather than merely an ideal. In *The Free Speech Century*, two of America's leading First Amendment scholars, Lee C. Bollinger and Geoffrey R. Stone, have gathered a group of the nation's leading constitutional scholars--Cass Sunstein, Lawrence Lessig, Laurence Tribe, Kathleen Sullivan, Catherine McKinnon,

among others--to evaluate the evolution of free speech doctrine since Schenk and to assess where it might be headed in the future. Since 1919, First Amendment jurisprudence in America has been a signal development in the history of constitutional democracies--remarkable for its level of doctrinal refinement, remarkable for its lateness in coming (in relation to the adoption of the First Amendment), and remarkable for the scope of protection it has afforded since the 1960s. Over the course of The First Amendment Century, judicial engagement with these fundamental rights has grown exponentially. We now have an elaborate set of free speech laws and norms, but as Stone and Bollinger stress, the context is always shifting. New societal threats like terrorism, and new technologies of communication continually reshape our understanding of what speech should be allowed. Publishing on the one hundredth anniversary of the decision that laid the foundation for America's free speech tradition, *The Free Speech Century* will serve as an essential resource for anyone interested in how our understanding of the First Amendment transformed over time and why it is so critical both for the United States and for the world today.

**Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes G. Edward White 1995-11-16** By any measure, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., led a full and remarkable life. He was tall and exceptionally attractive, especially as he aged, with piercing eyes, a shock of white hair, and prominent moustache. He was the son of a famous father (Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr., renowned for "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table"), a thrice-wounded veteran of the Civil War, a Harvard-educated member of Brahmin Boston, the acquaintance of Longfellow, Lowell, and Emerson, and for a time a close friend of William James. He wrote one of the classic works of American legal scholarship, *The Common Law*, and he served with distinction on the Supreme Court of the United States. He was actively involved in the Court's work into his nineties. In *Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, G. Edward White*, the acclaimed biographer of Earl Warren and one of America's most esteemed legal scholars, provides a rounded portrait of this remarkable jurist. We see Holmes's early life in Boston and at Harvard, his ambivalent relationship with his father, and his harrowing service during the Civil War (he was wounded three times, twice nearly fatally, shot in the chest in his first action, and later shot through the neck at Antietam). White examines Holmes's curious, childless marriage (his diary for 1872 noted on June 17th that he had married Fanny Bowditch Dixwell, and the next sentence indicated that he had become the sole editor of the *American Law Review*) and he includes new information on Holmes's relationship with Clare Castletown. White not only provides a vivid portrait of Holmes's life, but examines in depth the inner life and thought of this preeminent legal figure. There is a full chapter devoted to *The Common Law*, for instance, and throughout the book, there is astute commentary on Holmes's legal writings. Indeed, White reveals that some of the themes that have dominated 20th-century American jurisprudence--including protection for free speech and the belief that "judges make the law"--originated in Holmes's work. Perhaps most important, White suggests that understanding Holmes's life is crucial to understanding his work, and he continually stresses the connections between Holmes's legal career and his personal life. For instance, his desire to distinguish himself from his father and from the "soft" literary culture of his father's generation drove him to legal scholarship of a particularly demanding kind. White's biography of Earl Warren was hailed by Anthony Lewis on the cover of *The New York Times Book Review* as "serious and fascinating," and *The Los Angeles Times* noted that "White has gone beyond the labels and given us the man." In *Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes*, White has produced an equally serious and fascinating biography, one that again goes beyond the labels and gives us the man himself.

#### **Partial Verdicts**

**Freedom for the Thought That We Hate** Anthony Lewis 2010 More than any other people on earth, we Americans are free to say and write what we think. The press can air the secrets of government, the corporate boardroom, or the bedroom with little fear of punishment or penalty. This extraordinary freedom results not from America's culture of tolerance, but from fourteen words in the constitution: the free expression clauses of the First Amendment. In *Freedom for the Thought That We Hate*, two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner Anthony Lewis describes how our free-speech rights were created in five distinct areas--political speech, artistic expression, libel, commercial speech, and unusual forms of expression such as T-shirts and campaign spending. It is a story of hard choices, heroic judges, and the fascinating and eccentric defendants who forced the legal system to come face to face with one of America's great founding ideas.

**The Bill of Rights in Modern America** David J. Bodenhamer 2022-04-05 As the 2020s began, protestors filled the streets, politicians clashed over how to respond to a global pandemic, and new scrutiny was placed on what rights US citizens should be afforded. Newly revised and expanded to address immigration, gay rights, privacy rights, affirmative action, and more, *The Bill of Rights in Modern America* provides clear insights into the issues currently shaping the United States. Essays explore the law and history behind contentious debates over such topics as gun rights, limits on the powers of law enforcement, the death penalty, abortion, and states' rights. Accessible and easy to read, the discerning research offered in *The Bill of Rights in Modern America* will help inform critical discussions for years to come.

**How Rights Went Wrong** Jamal Greene 2021-03-16 An eminent constitutional scholar reveals how the explosion of rights is dividing America, and shows how we can build a better system of justice. You have the right to remain silent and the right to free speech. The right to worship, and to doubt. The right to be free from discrimination, and to hate. The right to marry and to divorce; to have children and to terminate a pregnancy. The right to life, and the right to own a gun. Rights are a sacred part of American identity. Yet they were an afterthought for the Framers, and early American courts rarely enforced them. Only as a result of the racial strife that exploded during the Civil War--and a series of resulting missteps by the Supreme Court--did rights gain such outsized power. The result is a system of legal absolutism that distorts our law and debases our politics. Over and over again, courts have treated rights conflicts as zero-sum games in which awarding rights to one side means denying rights to others. As eminent legal scholar Jamal Greene shows in *How Rights Went Wrong*, we need to recouple rights with justice--before they tear society apart.

**Saving the Bill of Rights** Frank Miniter 2011-06-27 For most of us, the Bill of Rights is sacred. It enshrines, defines, and protects the liberties we take for granted as Americans. But almost unnoticed, a dedicated minority of special interests is chipping away at the Bill of Rights to the point that, while the words might remain in the Constitution, the rights themselves will be lost. Frank Miniter, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Ultimate Man's Survival Guide*, has seen firsthand--and exposed as a journalist--the relentless assaults that are stripping away our Second Amendment rights. Now he reports on the broad, radical offensive that targets not just our right to bear arms, but all our rights, including the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech and religion.

#### **The Spirit of Liberty** Harvard Law School. Library. Manuscript Division 1972

#### **The Common Law** Oliver Wendell Holmes 1909

**The Wizards of Washington** Alfred Knight 2006-10 The United States Supreme Court was created in 1787 by the drafters of the Constitution almost as an afterthought, and it did very little in its early years. It soon turned out, however, that the Founders had wrought far, far greater than they knew. They had created a tribunal of Philosopher Kings. Surprisingly non-rigorous processes selected the Justices who inhabit these pages, and many have been barely suitable, or outright unsuitable for the job. For every creative, elemental force like Justice John Marshall there were many who did not belong on the Court, such as Justice Charles Whitaker who wept because he couldn't make up his mind about the cases he was called upon to decide. Most were, of course, competent enough to do their jobs more or less acceptably. And that has been the hallmark of our government institutions--do things well enough for respectable survival, perform brilliantly if possible when history demands, and correct your disasters with the benefit of hindsight when God gives you the opportunity. If the stories in this book seem familiar, there is a reason. The Supreme Court is an intensely human institution, and we all know what that is about.

**Great Justices of the Supreme Court** Nathan Aaseng 1992-09-01 Profiles eight notable justices of the United States Supreme Court and landmark cases in which each was involved: John Marshall, Roger Taney, John Harlan, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Louis Brandeis, Charles Evans Hughes, Hugo Black, Earl Warren.

**The Bill of Rights. (The Function of United States Courts, Particularly the Supreme Court, of Declaring Invalid Statutes of Congress, Or of the States, Or Acts of the President, Because They are in Conflict with ... the First and the Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution of the United States.)** The Oliver Wendell Holmes Lectures, 1958 Learned Hand 1958

The Bill of Rights in the Modern State Professor of Law Geoffrey R Stone 1992-10-15 Also published as v. 59, no. 1 (winter 1992), of the University of Chicago law review.

**Rights from Wrongs** Alan M. Dershowitz 2009-04-20 Where do our rights come from? Does "natural law" really exist outside of what is written in constitutions and legal statutes? If so, why are rights not the same everywhere and in all eras? On the other hand, if rights are nothing more than the product of human law, why should we ever allow them to override the popular will? In *Rights from Wrongs*, renowned legal scholar Alan Dershowitz puts forward a wholly new and compelling answer to this age-old dilemma: Rights, he argues, do not come from God, nature, logic, or law alone. They arise out of particular human experiences with injustice. *Rights from Wrongs* is the first book to propose a theory of rights that emerges not from a theory of perfect justice but from its opposite: from the bottom up, from trial and error, and from our collective experience of injustice. Human rights come from human wrongs. "[Dershowitz's] underlying theory is one that can be neutrally applied by people residing at all positions within the political spectrum.... Perhaps if his views were understood by more people, there would be both a toning down of the political rhetoric." -Tampa Tribune

History of the Supreme Court of the United States Charles Fairman 2009-11-23 With this seventh volume of the *Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise History of the Supreme Court of the United States*, Charles Fairman completes his study of the Supreme Court in the post-Civil War period of 1864-88. In the previous volume, Fairman covered the Chief Justiceship of Salmon P. Chase; the present volume deals with the tenure of Morrison R. Waite, President Grant's fifth choice for the office. Fairman explores the significance of the Court's tentative first steps on the unending road of decisions designed to clarify and resolve some of the most persistent issues of American public law, and of a national common market. Fairman identifies the reconciliation between North and South as the most pressing issue during the Reconstruction. Accordingly, the Court was forced to mediate between the new liberties proclaimed by the post-Civil War amendments and enforcement measures and the structure of the federal system bequeathed to it by the Founders of the Republic.

The Second Bill of Rights Cass Sunstein 2009-03-25 In 1944, Franklin Delano Roosevelt gave a State of the Union Address that was arguably the greatest political speech of the twentieth century. In it, Roosevelt grappled with the definition of security in a democracy, concluding that "unless there is security here at home, there cannot be lasting peace in the world." To help ensure that security, he proposed a "Second Bill of Rights" -- economic rights that he saw as necessary to political freedom. Many of the great legislative achievements of the past sixty years stem from Roosevelt's vision. Using this speech as a launching point, Cass R. Sunstein shows how these rights are vital to the continuing security of our nation. This is an ambitious, sweeping book that argues for a new vision of FDR, of constitutional history, and our current political scene.

**Pre-Nineteen Sixty Developments in the Bill of Rights Area** Paul L. Murphy 2014-04-04 First Published in 1990. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

The Bill of Rights 1991

**Grand Theft and Petit Larceny** Mark L. Pollot 1993 Offers a strategy to restore integrity to the Constitution's Fifth Amendment Takings Clause.

The Bill of Rights Learned Hand 1965

**The Bill of Rights in Modern America** Executive Director of the Polis Center and Professor of History David J Bodenhamer 1993 An expert guide to current debates on individual rights in America

The Oxford companion to the Supreme Court of the United States

An Autobiography of the Supreme Court Alan F. Westin 1963 Includes writings by John Jay, John Marshall, Joseph Story, John Marshall Harlan, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., Charles Evans Hughes, Felix Frankfurter, Robert H. Jackson, Earl Warren, William J. Brennan, Jr., William O. Douglas, and Hugo Black, among others.

**Law in American History, Volume III** G. Edward White 2019-04-18 In *Law in American History, Volume III: 1930-2000*, the eminent legal scholar G. Edward White concludes his sweeping history of law in America, from the colonial era to the near-present. Picking up where his previous volume left off, at the end of the 1920s, White turns his attention to modern developments in both public and private law. One of his findings is that despite the massive changes in American society since the New Deal, some of the landmark constitutional decisions from that period remain salient today. An illustration is the Court's sweeping interpretation of the reach of Congress's power under the Commerce Clause in *Wickard v. Filburn* (1942), a decision that figured prominently in the Supreme Court's recent decision to uphold the Affordable Care Act. In these formative years of modern American jurisprudence, courts responded to, and affected, the emerging role of the state and federal governments as regulatory and redistributive institutions and the growing participation of the United States in world affairs. They extended their reach into domains they had mostly ignored: foreign policy, executive power, criminal procedure, and the rights of speech, sexuality, and voting. Today, the United States continues to grapple with changing legal issues in each of those domains. *Law in American History, Volume III* provides an authoritative introduction to how modern American jurisprudence emerged and evolved of the course of the twentieth century, and the impact of law on every major feature of American life in that century. White's two preceding volumes and this one constitute a definitive treatment of the role of law in American history.

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One and Four Jan Owen 2012 Selections of writings on United States of America patriotism, nationalism, and constitutional principles, presented in calligraphic text and binary code and centering on Articles 1 and 4 of the Bill of Rights. Includes passages by Thomas Jefferson, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., Henry W. Longfellow, and Walt Whitman.

**The American Judicial Tradition** G. Edward White 1988 Profiles of such influential judges as John Marshall, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Learned Hand, and Felix Frankfurter reveal their personalities and performances and the course of appellate adjudication in the United States

**The Spirit of Liberty** Learned Hand 1989

**Reason and Imagination** Constance Jordan 2013-01-17 Reason and Imagination: The Selected Correspondence of Learned Hand provides readers with an intimate look into the life and mind of Judge Learned Hand, an icon in American Law. This new book brings to light previously unpublished letters and gives readers insight into Hand's thoughts on American jurisprudence and policy. This new collection includes a preface by Ronald Dworkin.

**Old Ironsides** 1948

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