

## CONSTITUTIONAL LAW – PROFESSOR LEON FRIEDMAN

### Syllabus

The syllabus below indicates the assignments for each day of class. The goal of the course is to give each student an advanced knowledge of the rules and policies contained in the field of constitutional law. You must also learn how to extract rules and policy from cases interpreting the Constitution as well as statutes, and administrative regulations and learn how to analyze, interpret and argue differing interpretations of the Constitution. You should also understand the roles and differing characteristics of sources of interpretation of the Constitution: the common law; legislation, administrative regulations; treaties, and judicial interpretation of the Constitution, legislation, regulations and treaties.

The American Bar Association requires that you spend at least six hours per week, on average, outside of class studying for this 3-credit course. This is in addition to the three hours a week we spend in class.

The case book for the course is Choper, Fallon, Kamisar Shiffrin, Dorf and Schauer, 12th edition, with latest (2016) supplement. The assignment are as follow:

#### FIRST ASSIGNMENT

639-664	Origins of the modern First Amendment test
665-688	Development of the Brandenburg test
688-724	Application of the test in traditional tort cases, libel, right to privacy
724-750	Application of the test in privacy cases
750-775	Application of the test in obscenity cases; Vagueness and overbreadth
775-808	Fighting words, offensive words, pornography
808-840	Racist speech, insults, animal cruelty, stolen valor
841-876	Flag burning cases, sleeping in the park, book store closing

876-905	Zoning regulations, rules against nude dancing, private speech
905-942	Commercial speech, hate speech
942-970	hate speech, prior restraint, injunctions against speech
970-1007	freedom of the press
1007-1037	more press cases; public form cases
1037-1069	public forum cases, government speech
1069-1095	speech in schools, government employee speech
1142-1171	right of association
1171-1204	Citizens United and the political process
1207-1245	Establishment of religion
1282-1306	Freedom of religion
1331-1359	Basic principles of equal protection
1359-1395	school desegregation
1395-1432	more school desegregation cases
1432-1469	affirmative action
1476-1513	gender cases
1513-1538	other groups protected under equal protection clause
1538-1566	other categories, illegitimacy
1567-1592	application in voting cases
1592-1621	more voting cases