

## **PRESIDENTIAL SIGNING STATEMENTS** - brief guide

### Authority for Presidential signing statements

- Constitution of the United States - Articles I and II  
<http://uscode.house.gov/pdf/Organic%20Laws/const.pdf>

### Finding Presidential signing statements

- Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents  
<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/wcomp/index.html> - 1993-present  
Also available on HeinOnline 1965-present
- Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States. Washington D.C. : Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Service, 1953-. Law Classified J80 .A283  
<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/pubpapers/index.html> - 1991-present
- Richardson, J.D., ed., A Compilation of the Messages and Papers of the Presidents 1789-1897. 53d Cong., 2d sess., 1907, House Miscellaneous Document no. 210 Pts. 1-10, 10 vols. Washington D.C. : Government Printing Office, 1907 Law Classified J81 .B96  
<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/metabook?id=mppresidents>

### Informational Web sites

- American Presidency Project at UC Santa Barbara - Presidential Signing Statements  
<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/signingstatements.php>
- Coherent Babble - compilation of President Bush's signing statements  
<http://www.coherentbabble.com/signingstatements/signstateann.htm>

### Scholarly articles

- Bradley, Curitis and Posner, Eric, Presidential Signing Statements and Executive Power, 23 Const. Comment. 307 (2006)
- Krent, Harold, From a Unitary to a Unilateral Presidency, 88 Boston Univ. L Rev. 523 (2008)
- May, Christopher, Presidential Defiance of "Unconstitutional" Laws: Reviving the Royal Prerogative, 21 Hastings Const. L.Q. 865 (1993-1994)

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- May, Christopher, Presidential Defiance of "Unconstitutional" Laws : Reviving the Royal Prerogative, Greenwood Press:Westport, CT 1998. Law Classified KF5065 .M39 1998

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#### Government reports/hearings

- Statement of Gary L. Keppinger, Law General Counsel, United States Government Accountability Office , Testimony Before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, March 11, 2008, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Presidential Signing Statements: Agency Implementation of Selected Provisions of Law  
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d08553t.pdf>
- T.J. Halstead, Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service, Presidential Signing Statements: Constitutional and Institutional Implications, No. RL33667 (Sept. 17, 2007)  
<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL33667.pdf>
- Samuel A. Alito, Jr., “Using Presidential Signing Statements to Make Fuller Use of the President’s Constitutionally Assigned Role in the Process of Enacting Law” (February 5, 1986)  
<http://www.archives.gov/news/samuel-alito/accession-060-89-269/Acc060-89-269-box6-SG-LSWG-AlitotoLSWG-Feb1986.pdf>
- Walter Dellinger, Assistant Attorney General, The Legal Significance of Presidential Signing Statements (November 3, 1993)  
<http://www.usdoj.gov/olc/signing.htm>
- Findings of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations in Support of the Full Committee re: Presidential Signing Statements  
<http://armedservices.house.gov/pdfs/Reports/SigningStatements2008FINAL.pdf>

#### Notable signing statements

- Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents, Monday, October 21, 2002 -- Volume 38 - Number 42, Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 , p. 1779  
[http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002\\_presidential\\_documents&docid=pd21oc02\\_txt-14.pdf](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_presidential_documents&docid=pd21oc02_txt-14.pdf)

- Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents, Monday, January 2, 2006 -- Volume 41 - Number 52, Statement on Signing the Department of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and Pandemic Influenza Act, 2006, p. 1918

[http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2005\\_presidential\\_documents&docid=pd30de05\\_txt-5.pdf](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2005_presidential_documents&docid=pd30de05_txt-5.pdf) (link currently not working, document available on HeinOnline)