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