

Fall 2025 Constitutional Law Daily Reading Assignments

9/8 Judicial Review/Bill of Rights

GGW pp. 71-93, 11-131

Brutus & Federalist on judicial review

Kemper v. Hawkins (VA 1788)

Jefferson on Departmentalism

Martin v. Hunter's Lessee (1816)

Barron v. Baltimore (1833)

Campbell v. State (GA 1852)

9/10 Sedition Act and Early Speech

GGW pp. 142-146, 188-193

Commonwealth v. Sharpless (PA 1816)

9/15 Early Religious Freedom

GGW pp. 97-103, 136-140

Thanksgiving Proclamations

Leggett on Thanksgiving

People v. Ruggles (NY 1811)

State v. Willson (SC 1823)

The Debate over Sunday Mails

Donahoe v. Richards (ME 1854)

9/17 Police Powers and Due Process

GGW pp. 131-136, 169-173, 175-184

University of North Carolina v. Foy (NC 1805)

Wally's Heirs v. Kennedy (TN 1831)

Hoke v. Henderson (NC 1833)

Mayor and Alderman of Mobile v. Yuille (AL 1841)

People v. Gallagher (MI 1856)

9/22 Slavery

GGW pp. 154-157, 196-207

Daniel Webster, Seventh of March Speech

Wendell Phillips, The Constitution: A Pro-Slavery Compact

Frederick Douglass, The Constitution of the United States

Lemmons v. the People (NY 1860)

9/24 Civil War

GGW pp. 223-227, 247-251, 271-277
Ex parte Merryman and Habeas Debate
Emancipation Proclamation Debate
Speed on Military Commissions

9/29 Race and Reconstruction

GGW pp. 227-237, 255-271
Ex parte McCordle (1868)
Senate Debate on the Civil Rights Act

10/1 Citizenship

GGW pp. 338-341
Calvin's Case (1608)
State v. Manuel (NC 1838)
Lynch v. Clarke (NY 1844)
Edward Bates, Citizenship (1862)
Congressional Debate over the Seating of Hiram Revels
Fong Yue Ting v. United States (1893)

10/6 Slaughterhouse

GGW pp. 237-241, 251-255, 296-301
United States v. Hall (CC Ala. 1871)
United States v. Cruikshank (1875)

10/8 Lochner

GGW pp. 279-285, 289-294, 307-318
In re Jacobs (NY 1885)
Lawton v. Steele (1894)
City of Chicago v. Netcher (1899)

10/15 Speech and Religion after Civil War

GGW pp. 318-321, 328-338
Thomas M. Cooley, Treatise on Constitutional Limitations (Speech)
Bradfield v. Roberts (1899)
People v. Most (NY 1902)
People v. Pierson (NY 1903)
Wilkerson v. City of Rome (GA 1922)

10/20 Personal Liberty in Lochner Era

GGW pp. 321-328

Territory v. Ah Lim (WA 1890)
Commonwealth v. Campbell (KY 1909)

10/22 New Deal Revolution

GGW pp. 371-378, 391-396
Roosevelt, Undelivered Gold Clause Speech
Roosevelt, Fireside Chat on Court-Packing
Senate Judiciary Committee Report on Court-Packing Plan

10/27 Judicial Review after the New Deal

GGW pp. 378-381
James Bradley Thayer, "Origin and Scope"
Stephen Field, "The Centenary of the Supreme Court"
Southern Manifesto
Eisenhower, Address to the Nation
Cooper v. Aaron (1958)
Baker v. Carr (1962)
Flast v. Cohen (1968)

10/29 Dangerous Speech after New Deal

GGW pp. 416-430
Terminiello v. City of Chicago (1949)
Pennsylvania v. Nelson (1956)

11/3 Due Process after New Deal

GGW pp. 381-386, 396-400, 468-473
Palko v. Connecticut (1937)
Adamson v. California (1947)
Rochin v. California (1952)
Ferguson v. Skrupa (1963)

11/5 Civil Rights Revolution

GGW pp. 261-264, 344-353, 386-391, 449-466

11/10 Gender and Equal Protection

GGW pp. 544-550, 646-650, 737-742

11/12 Sexual Liberty and Abortion

GGW pp. 408-416, 506-513, 600-612, 698-703, 807-820

Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization (2022)

11/17 Modern Religious Liberty

GGW pp. 400-407, 583-596, 788-805

Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn v. Cuomo (2020)

Fulton v. City of Philadelphia (2021)

Carson v. Makin (2022)

11/19 Modern Free Speech

GGW pp. 612-620, 821-834

303 Creative LLC v. Elenis (2023)

11/24 Gun Rights

GGW pp. 185-188, 692-698

United States v. Miller (1939)

New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen (2022)

12/1 Affirmation Action and Race

GGW pp. 536-544, 641-646, 725-737

Students for Fair Admission v. Harvard (2023)