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Whoever hath an absolute authority to interpret any written or spoken laws, it is he who is truly the lawgiver, to all intents and purposes, and not that person who first wrote or spoke them.

—*Bishop Benjamin Hoadly, "Sermon
Preached Before King George I"*

It is emphatically the province and duty of the judicial department to say what the law is.

—*Chief Justice John Marshall,
Marbury v. Madison*

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