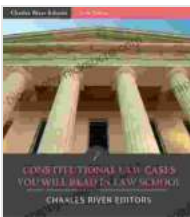


# Constitutional Law Cases You Will Read In Law School

Constitutional law is a fascinating and complex field of study. It encompasses a wide range of topics, from the structure of government to the rights of individuals. In law school, you will read many important constitutional law cases that have shaped the development of American law.

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- **Marbury v. Madison** (1803): This case established the principle of judicial review, which allows the Supreme Court to declare laws unconstitutional.

- **McCulloch v. Maryland** (1819): This case established the principle of implied powers, which allows the federal government to exercise powers that are not explicitly stated in the Constitution.
- **Gibbons v. Ogden** (1824): This case established the principle of federal supremacy, which means that federal law trumps state law in cases of conflict.
- **Dred Scott v. Sandford** (1857): This case ruled that African Americans were not citizens of the United States and could not sue in federal court.
- **Brown v. Board of Education** (1954): This case overturned the separate-but-equal doctrine and ruled that racial segregation of public schools was unconstitutional.
- **Miranda v. Arizona** (1966): This case established the Miranda rights, which require police to inform suspects of their rights before questioning them.
- **Roe v. Wade** (1973): This case established the right to abortion.
- **Citizens United v. FEC** (2010): This case overturned campaign finance restrictions and allowed corporations to spend unlimited amounts of money on political campaigns.

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## **First Amendment**

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution protects freedom of speech, religion, and the press. It also protects the right to assemble and to petition the government. Some of the most important First Amendment cases that you will read in law school include:

- **Schenck v. United States** (1919): This case established the "clear and present danger" test, which allows the government to restrict speech that is likely to cause imminent harm.
- **New York Times Co. v. Sullivan** (1964): This case established the "actual malice" standard, which requires public figures to prove that a defamatory statement was made with knowledge of its falsity or with reckless disregard for the truth.
- **Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier** (1988): This case held that public schools may restrict student speech that is disruptive or that would interfere with the school's educational mission.
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## **Second Amendment**

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution protects the right to bear arms. Some of the most important Second Amendment cases that you will read in law school include:

- **District of Columbia v. Heller** (2008): This case held that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to keep and bear arms for self-defense.

- **McDonald v. City of Chicago** (2010): This case held that the Second Amendment applies to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment.

## Fourth Amendment

The Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution protects against unreasonable searches and seizures. Some of the most important Fourth Amendment cases that you will read in law school include:

- **Kyllo v. United States** (2001): This case held that the use of thermal imaging to scan a home from outside without a warrant violates the Fourth Amendment.
- **Florida v. Jardines** (2013): This case held that the use of a drug-sniffing dog to sniff the outside of a home without a warrant violates the Fourth Amendment.

## Fifth Amendment

The Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution protects against self-incrimination, double jeopardy, and being deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. Some of the most important Fifth Amendment cases that you will read in law school include:

- **Miranda v. Arizona** (1966): This case established the Miranda rights, which require police to inform suspects of their rights before questioning them.
- **Gideon v. Wainwright** (1963): This case held that the Sixth Amendment right to counsel applies to criminal defendants in state courts.

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- **Miranda v. Arizona** (1966): This case established the Miranda rights, which require police to inform suspects of their rights before questioning them.
- **Crawford v. Washington** (2004): This case held that the Sixth Amendment Confrontation Clause requires that witnesses be present at trial and subject to cross-examination.

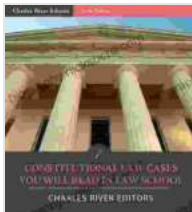
## Fourteenth Amendment

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- **Brown v. Board of Education** (1954): This case overturned the separate-but-equal doctrine and ruled that racial segregation of public schools was unconstitutional.
- **Loving v. Virginia** (1967): This case struck down state laws that prohibited interracial marriage.

- **Obergefell v. Hodges** (2015): This case held that the Fourteenth Amendment requires states to recognize same-sex marriage.

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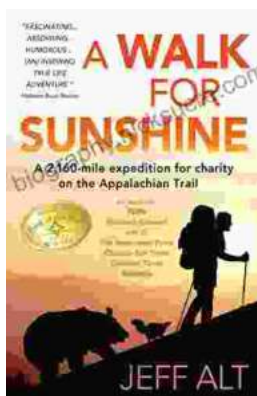


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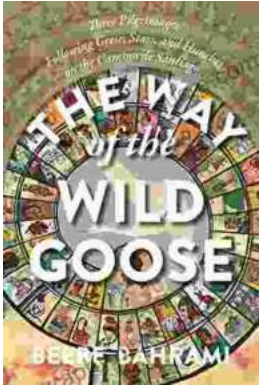
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