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Schedule

Books:

J. Rawls, A THEORY OF JUSTICE (TJ)
J. Rawls, POLITICAL LIBERALISM (PL)
R. Dworkin, TAKING RIGHTS SERIOUSLY (TRS)
D. O'Brien (ed.), JUDGES ON JUDGING (JJ)

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Handouts=[H]
Materials on Reserve=[R]
Materials available online (WESTLAW or HeinOnLine)=[O]

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Part I. Theory: Legal Liberalism B Interpreting our Constitution

January 27 B Introduction

In this first class, we will review the idea of the rule of law from the ancients to the moderns with a focus on legal liberalism. What is legal liberalism=s conception of the rule of law? Why is the normative foundation (or structure) of a legal system important to the rule of law?

Lawrence Solum, *Legal Theory Lexicon 017: The Rule of Law*¹[M]

H.L.A. Hart, *American Jurisprudence Through English Eyes: The Nightmare and the Noble Dream*²[O]

February 2--Legal Liberalism's Rule of Law B A Sophisticated Version of the Noble Dream

Ronald Dworkin, *Hard Cases* [80-94 101-107], TRS, Chapter 4

Ronald Dworkin, TRS, pp. 338-345

*Cohen v. California*³ [Harlan opinion] [M][O]

February 9 B Legal Liberalism B Basic Normative Theory I

John Rawls, PL, Introduction [xvii-xxix]

John Rawls, PL, [11-15, 133-140]

John Rawls, TJ, [Sections 1-6]

Richard Rorty, *The Priority of Democracy to Philosophy*⁴ [H][R]

¹http://solum.typepad.com/legal_theory_lexicon/2004/01/legal_theory_le_3.html

²11 Ga. L. Rev. 969 (1977).

³403 U.S. 15 (1970).

⁴THE VIRGINIA STATUTE FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, Chapter 10 (1988).

February 16B Legal Liberalism B Application of Normative Theory

John Rawls, TJ, [Sections 33-35]

John Rawls, PL, [pp. 173-176, 190-200, 212-216, 224-227]

*Christian Legal Society v. Martinez*⁵ [Ginsburg and Stevens opinions][M][O].

Stanley Fish, *Being Neutral Is Oh So Hard To Do*⁶[H][Optional]

Stanley Fish, *Is Religion Special?*⁷[H][Optional]

Stanley Fish, *Serving Two Masters: Shariah Law and the Secular State*⁸[H][Optional]

Stanley Fish, *Religion and the Liberal State Once Again*⁹[H][Optional]

Burleigh Wilkins, *A Third Principle of Justice*¹⁰[H][Optional]

⁵130 S.Ct. 2971 (2010).

⁶N.Y Times, July 19, 2010.

⁷N.Y. Times, July 26, 2010.

⁸N.Y. Times, October 25, 2010.

⁹N.Y. Times, November 1, 2010.

¹⁰1 Journal of Ethics 355 (1997).

February 23B Legal Liberalism--Originalism as Constitutional Interpretation.

Justice Antonin Scalia, *Originalism: The Lesser Evil*, JJ, Chapter 21

Randy Barnett, *Scalia=s Infidelity: A Critique of Faint-Hearted@ Originalism*¹¹[O]

Lawrence B. Solum, *What is Originalism? The Evolution of Contemporary Originalist Theory*¹²[O]

Robert Post and Reva Siegel, *Originalism as a Political Practice: The Right=s Living Constitution*¹³ [O][Recommended]

Chief Justice William Rehnquist, *The Notion of a Living Constitution*, JJ, Chapter 16 [Recommended]

Ronald Dworkin, *The Constitutional Drama*¹⁴ [R] [Recommended]

Ronald Dworkin, *Constitutional Cases*, TRS, Chapter 5 [Optional]

Eric Schnapper, *Affirmative Action and the Legal History of the Fourteenth Amendment*¹⁵ [O] [Optional]

H. Jefferson Powell, *The Original Understanding of Original Intent*¹⁶ [O] [Optional]

March 1B The New Originalism: An Example

Jack Balkin, *Framework Originalism and the Living Constitution*¹⁷[O]

*McDonald v. City of Chicago*¹⁸[O] [excerpts]

¹¹75 U. Cin. L. Rev. 7 (2006).

¹²<http://ssrn.com/abstract=1825543>

¹³75 FORDHAM L. REV. 545 (2006).

¹⁴LIFE=S DOMINION, Chapter 5.

¹⁵71 VA. L. REV. 754 (1985).

¹⁶98 Harv. L. Rev. 885 (1985).

¹⁷103 Nw. U. L. Rev. 549 (2009).

¹⁸130 Sup. Ct. 3020 (2010).

Part II. Critical Legal StudiesBOne (Constructive) Version of the Nightmare

March 8BCritical Legal Studies: The Rule of Law and Critical Theory

David Luban, *Legal Modernism*¹⁹ [O]

J. M. Balkin, *Ideology as Constraint*²⁰ [1133-1145] [O][Optional]

Judge Alex Kozinski, *What I Ate for Breakfast and Other Mysteries of Judicial Decision Making*, JJ, Chapter 7 [Optional]

Paul Carrington, *Law and the River*²¹ [O] [Optional]

Patricia Williams, *Alchemical Notes: Reconstructing Ideals from Deconstructed Rights*²² [O] [Optional]

*R.A.V. v. City of St. Paul*²³ [2541-2561] [O][M] [Optional]

*Virginia v. Black*²⁴ [1-17][O][M] [Optional]

Robert Post, *Managing Deliberation: The Quandary of Democratic Dialogue*²⁵ [O][Optional]

March 15BCritical Race TheoryBA Version of Critical Legal Studies

Mari Matsuda, *When the First Quail Calls: Multiple Consciousness as Jurisprudential Method*²⁶ [O]

Mari Matsuda, *Public Response to Racist Speech: Considering the Victim=s Story*²⁷ [O]

¹⁹84 MICH. L. REV. 1656 (1986).

²⁰43 STAN. L. REV. 1133 (1991).

²¹34 J. LEGAL EDUC. 222 (1984).

²²22 HARV. C.R.-C.L. L. REV. 401 (1987).

²³505 U.S. 377 (1992).

²⁴538 U.S. ____ (2003).

²⁵103 ETHICS 654 (1993).

²⁶14 WOMEN=S RTS. L. REP. 297 (1992).

²⁷87 MICH. L. REV. 2320 (1989).

Part III. Topics in the Rule of Law

March 22B Individual Liberty and the Radical Version of Critical Feminist Theory: Free Speech, Pornography, and Child Pornography

Catharine MacKinnon, *Pornography: On Morality and Politics*²⁸ [R]
*American Booksellers v. Hudnut*²⁹ [Easterbrook opinion][O][M]

Excerpts from:

*New York v. Ferber*³⁰ [753-766] [O][M]

*Osborne v. Ohio*³¹ [106-111][O][M]

*United States v. Hilton*³² [67-73][O][M]

*United States v. Acheson*³³ [648-653][O][M]

*The Free Speech Coalition v. Reno*³⁴ [1086-1097][O][M]

*Ashcroft v. Free Speech Coalition*³⁵ [1-21][O][M]

18 USCA ' 2256 [O][M]

New Jersey Acultural defense@ Case[TBA][Optional]

²⁸TOWARD A FEMINIST THEORY OF THE STATE, Chapter 11.

²⁹771 F.2d 323 (7th Cir. 1985).

³⁰458 U.S. 747 (1982).

³¹495 U.S. 103 (1989).

³²167 F.3d 61 (1st Cir. 1999).

³³195 F.3d 645 (11th Cir. 1999).

³⁴198 F.3d 1083 (9th Cir.1999).

³⁵535 U.S. ____ (2002).

March 29 BLiberty and Harmless Immoralities

Poe v. Ullman [Harlan opinion]³⁶[O][M]
*Griswold v. Connecticut*³⁷[Douglas and Harlan opinions][O][M]
Transcript of Oral Argument in *Lawrence v. Texas*³⁸ [M]
*Lawrence v. Texas*³⁹ [majority opinion][O][M]

April 5 BSpring Break

April 12 BRole of Professionalism in the Rule of Law

Jeremy Waldron, *The Concept and the Rule of Law*⁴⁰[H]
Justice Robert H. Jackson, *The Federal Prosecutor* [H]
Postmistress Case [H]
*United States v. Larson*⁴¹ [O][M]
Jack Goldsmith, THE TERROR PRESIDENCY, Chapters 1 & 5 [H]
Lucie White, *Subordination, Rhetorical Survival Skills, and Sunday Shoes*,⁴² [O][M]

Regina Austin, *Sapphire Bound!*⁴³ [O] [Optional]

³⁶367 U.S. 497 (1961).

³⁷381 U.S. 479 (1965).

³⁸Oyez Website.

³⁹539 U.S. 558 (2003).

⁴⁰72 New York University Alumni Magazine 2009.

⁴¹558 F.Supp.2d 1103 (2008).

⁴²38 Buffalo L. Rev. 1 (1990).

⁴³1989 WIS. L. REV 539.

April 19B Interpreting Statutes: The Myth (and Truth) of Following the Law

Ronald Dworkin, *Hard Cases* [107-110], TRS, Chapter 4

*U.S. v. Barragan-Mendoza*⁴⁴[O][M]

*Coalition of Montanans Concerned v. Gallatin*⁴⁵[O][M]

*Montana Wilderness v. U.S. Forest Service*⁴⁶[O][M]

Briefs and Order in *U.S. v. Howick* [M]

Justice Felix Frankfurter, *Some Reflections on the Reading of Statutes*, JJ, Chapter 29
[Optional]

Judge Frank Easterbrook, *What Does Legislative History Tell Us?*, JJ, Chapter 30
[Optional]

⁴⁴1999 WL 221857 (9th Cir. (Mont.)).

⁴⁵957 F.Supp. 1166 (1997).

⁴⁶146 F.Supp.2d 1118 (2001).

April 26BHard and Soft Politics in the Interpretation of Tort Law and the Normative Structure of Tort Law

Ronald Dworkin, *Hard Cases* [110-123], TRS, Chapter 4

*State Ex. Rel. Oatl v. Sheward*⁴⁷ [O][M]

Charles Fried and David Rosenberg, *Presentation*⁴⁸ [O]

David Vladick, *Defending Courts: A Brief Rejoinder*⁴⁹ [O]

Robert Peck, *In Defense of Fundamental Principles: The Unconstitutionality of Tort Reform*⁵⁰ [O]

Harry Philo, *Problems and Potentialities of Safety Standards in Tort Litigation Codes and Practices* [M]

*Estate of Strever v. Cline*⁵¹ [O][M]

*Lakin v. Senco Products, Inc.*⁵² [O][M][Optional]

*Hern v. Safeco Ins. Co. Of Illinois*⁵³ [Court=s discussion of Issue 3. and Justice Gray=s dissent][O][M] [Optional]

Erwin Chemerinsky, *When Do Legislative Actions Threaten Judicial Independence?*⁵⁴ [Optional]

⁴⁷715 N.E.2d 1062 (Ohio 1999).

⁴⁸31 Seton Hall L. Rev. 625 (2001).

⁴⁹31 Seton Hall L. Rev. 631 (2001).

⁵⁰31 Seton Hall L. Rev. 672 (2001).

⁵¹278 Mont. 165 (1996).

⁵²987 P.2d 463 (Or. 1999).

⁵³329 Mont. 347 (2005).

⁵⁴ASSAULTS ON THE JUDICIARY: ATTACKING A THE GREAT BULWARK OF PUBLIC LIBERTY, @ PAPERS OF THE ROSCOE POUND FOUNDATION 49 (1998).