

**State Constitutional Law
Law 7503-01
Spring 2012**

Welcome to the Spring 2012 course in State Con Law.

You will find the Blackboard site up and available to you with the note that there may be some changes in the syllabus as the course develops and new cases are handed down.

We will not use a textbook because this is an area where we get very frequent changes and there is simply no textbook or casebook that is up to date.

If you want to do some background reading, my suggestions are:

- 1) Review your federal constitutional law materials, particularly those subjects that impact state and federal relations,**
- 2) Read the Florida Constitution (available on line and through Blackboard site,**
- 3) Review Florida history.**

For good background reading I recommend books published by the University Presses of Florida:

Two books by Martin Dyckman (a great book about Gov. Collins, Florida's greatest Governor of the 20th century) and a book entitled "A Most Disorderly Court", about the problems the Florida Supreme Court faced in the mid-1970s); also a book by former Kenneth McKay reviewing the period of his public service and another; and a not quite so well written book by Fred Karl detailing his long period of public service.

See the syllabus for the first assignments. Students should begin picking their states for the comparative constitution exercise, Discussion Board # 2.

The first discussion board site is also open if you have any news reports relating to state constitutional law.

In order not to get behind, I strongly recommend that you post your first Discussion Board assignment before our first class.

Happy holidays,

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