

## Supreme Court Controversies: Spring 2026

### First Day Assignment

There is a “First Day Assignment” in your Canvas > Files > Cases folder; it is the U.S. Supreme Court’s latest “Granted & Noted List” of cases for October Term 2025 (the current Term).

Please look over the list in advance of our first class with an eye to cases you might be interested in (see Syllabus). From the parties’ names you can usually (but not always) get a rough idea of what the case is about.

Then you can use the docket-number link to find out more. Go to the Supreme Court’s own website: [supremecourt.gov](http://supremecourt.gov) > home > case documents > granted/noted cases list. The highlighted docket numbers link to basic information such as “question(s) presented” in the case; you can use the same docket number (or case name) for a “Docket Search” on the Supreme Court website under “Case Documents,” where briefs and other information can be found.

Various types of commentary have also been posted to your “Files” page.

Please study these lists and commentary and come to our first class with some preliminary preferences as to your choice of a case. Class requirements include (1) making a brief class presentation on your case; (2) representing one side in your case at oral argument toward the end of the semester; and (3) writing a seminar paper having something to do with the case. See Syllabus.