

I am delighted to welcome all of you to UF Law.

In the first week we will begin to look at the Constitution as the basic cornerstone of the governing structure of the US and how understanding the principles is central to being a lawyer. As a matter of fact , upholding the constitution is part of the oath for becoming a lawyer.

The first class, I would like to ask everyone to introduce themselves in class and tell us why you came to law school.

We will also work our way through Constitutional Scavenger Hunt posted as the first day assignment.

Each week I will specify our goals for the week.

In the first week we will focus on the importance of words and the interpretation of words in the Constitution. We will define the authority and role of courts in interpreting the Constitution and in defining the powers and limits of the other branches of government.

The reading for the first three days will be as follows:

	I. Introduction	Pages
CLASS 1	The Constitution, Scavenger Hunt (Canvas)	XXXIX - LV
	SEPARATION OF FEDERAL POWERS	
CLASS 2 and 3	II. The Federal Judicial Power (Role of Judiciary)	
	A. Authority for Judicial Review	
	Trump v. Hawaii, Marbury, Martin, Cohens	395-406; 1-11
	B. Limits on the Federal Judicial Power	11-13
	1. Interpretive Limits	
	How should the Constitution be interpreted? –	286-290; 13-32
	Nixon, Heller – 2nd Amend	