CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
SPRING TERM 2020
Professor Johnson

Readings for the first week of class

Monday, January 13
The Birth of Con Law and Judicial Review: Marbury v. Madison
Textbook, pp. 1-9
Nicholas Guyatt, How Proslavery Was the Constitution? (TWEN)

Marbury v. Madison (1803)

Wednesday, January 15
Limits on Judicial Review
Textbook, pp. 11-32
Recommended: More Perfect Podcast—The Gun Show (Season 2)


Friday, January 17
Justiciability Limits on Judicial Review, Part 1: Advisory Opinions and Standing
Textbook, pp. 40-61

Hayburn’s Case (1792)
Plaut v. Spendthrift Farm, Inc. (1992)
Allen v. Wright (1984)
Massachusetts v. EPA (2007)
City of Los Angeles v. Lyons (1983)

This site is meant for the readings for the first class, but I thought I would give you the readings for the first week of class for three reasons. First, it’s your chance to get ahead over the long break. Second, to alert you to the lengthy reading for Wednesday’s class. Finally, this will give you heads-up on the first of several recommended “More Perfect” podcasts—ideal winter break entertainment!