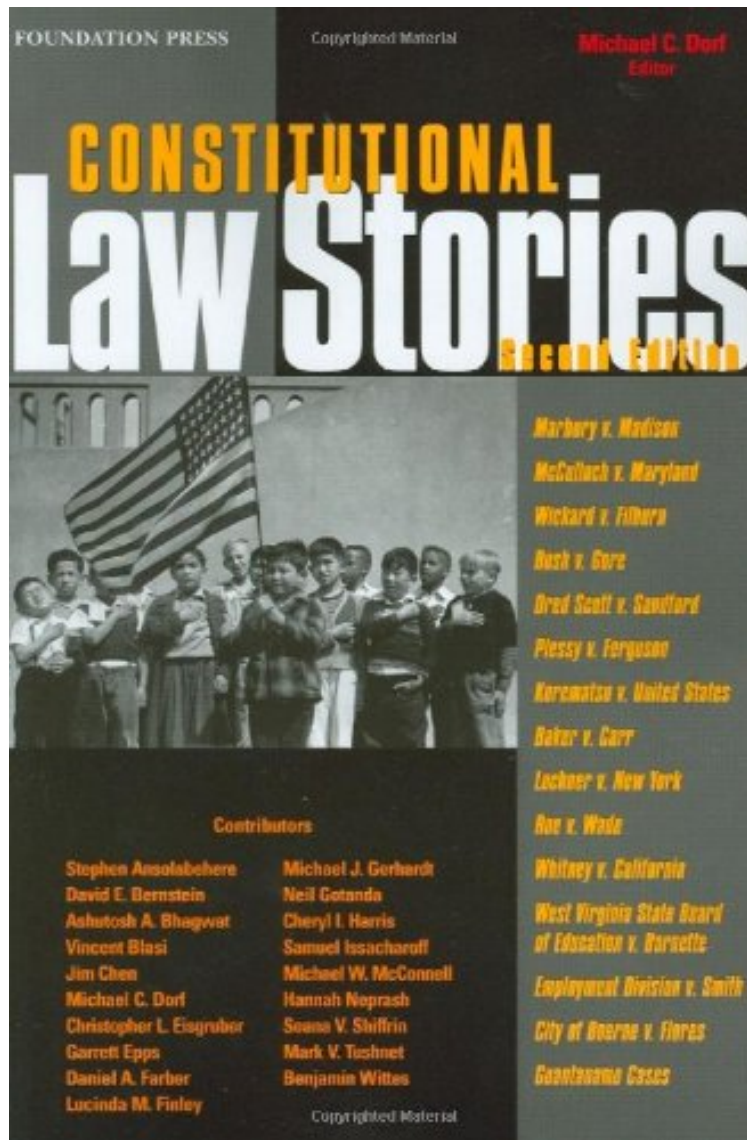


## Constitutional Law Stories

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The only reason I have this is because it was assigned as a supplement. A few of the articles are surprisingly interesting, like *McCulloch v. Maryland* and *Baker v. Carr*. You get to know the litigators behind the case name, and some of them, as you can imagine, are colorful characters. But some articles are just too long and detailed. It's a

chance for con law profs to geek out, so if you are a con law geek you may actually enjoy the articles. If you're not a con law geek, then you're just going to skip or skim anyway. At least these articles are easier to understand than their companion cases. These essays are NOT meant to help you understand the reasoning of the cases they are about, or anything else about the case except its backstory and the key players involved. It is a supplement, not a replacement! But since they aim to tell the story behind the case, they add depth and are a nice break from reading an opinion. If you're reading this review, the book is either an assigned or recommended text, so all I'm doing is letting you know there are far worse reading assignments than this. I recommend reading the case first, then the con law story. I made the mistake of reading the story of *Marbury v. Madison* before reading the case itself and was very confused until I read the opinion. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. An interesting supplement for a Con Law course. By MobyM My professor assigned this book as a supplement to a Constitutional Law I course. She assigned only about 4 of the chapters - the ones that matched up with cases we were reading for class - just as a way to provide some background and context for those cases. Since each chapter is written by a different person, the writing style and approach varies from chapter to chapter. I admittedly have very little knowledge of US history, especially in politics, so I was occasionally frustrated that the writers seemed to assume a higher level of reader sophistication than I actually had. Still, the stories told are extremely interesting; they illustrate the depth and richness of American history, and how the law has shaped and been shaped by political crises and circumstances. You don't need to be a law student to appreciate this book, but you may need a little patience in wading through certain passages. I think it's worth the effort. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars. By Jashim Chowdhury Brilliant work

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