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Constitutional Law Fall 2008
Mon. 3:05 - 4:30 p.m.; Thurs. 1:30-2:55 p.m., Room 100-A
Textbook: Barron & Dienes, *Constitutional Law* (7TH Ed.
2008 Supplement
CON LAW STORIES (CLS)

First Assignment Thurs. 8/28/08

Read closely the complete text of the Constitution, including the amendments. **IN YOUR TEXTBOOK**

Set down in writing ONE personal observation or question that occurs to you from reading the Constitution. Be prepared to state and discuss in class your observation.

A few questions you might want to ask yourself (you are not limited to these suggestions):

- 1) Surprises! Am I surprised by the inclusion or omission of something?
- 2) What is the purpose of the Constitution?
- 3) What key problems does the text of the Constitution seem to be addressing?
- 4) What other possible schemes might there be?
- 5) What are some of the issues that are most likely to come up?
- 6) What are the most important provisions, and why?
- 7) If the text were being written today, what changes would you anticipate?

You may handwrite or type your observation. Please hand in at the end of class, and indicate your undergraduate major, and whether you have previously taken a class in Constitutional Law or American Government in college.