

**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
THE WHARTON SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES & BUSINESS ETHICS**

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 221-001

PROFESSOR CONSTAN

Autumn 2011

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Text: Constitutional Law for a changing America. By Lee Epstein and Thomas G. Walker. CQ Press, 4th Edition 2009

This course explores the fundamentals of U.S. constitutional doctrine and adjudication, with an emphasis on commercial and business issues and implications of constitutional law. The course starts by considering the Constitution and the structure and relationship of the governmental entities it establishes and upon which it depends. Special attention is given to the role of the federal courts, especially the Supreme Court, in interpreting and applying constitutional principles. From this foundation, the course moves on to examine in detail the major economic and business implications of constitutional law in different eras of the nation's history. A core theme is how historical events and changing notions of public policy have affected and been affected by the evolution of constitutional doctrine.

Grading will be based on a mid-term and a final exam.

CLASS TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS

September	7	Class 1 Course Introduction
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		Final Examination - December 14 Wednesday at 12:00 – 2:00PM (Location to be announced)