STATE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS (Carolina Academic Press, 5th ed. 2015)

Robert F. Williams & Lawrence Friedman

This is a book about constitutional law. It recognizes, though, that the study of American constitutional law has been dominated by a virtually exclusive focus on the federal Constitution and its judicial interpretation. Legal scholars and political scientists have contributed to this by their preoccupation with constitutional matters as defined by the U.S. Supreme Court. In fact, however, the federal Constitution is "incomplete" in the sense that it relied extensively on mechanisms established in state constitutions, and leaves nearly all matters within the sphere of state power to be regulated by state constitutions and laws. Realistically, however, casebooks on constitutional law are unlikely to include any significant treatment of state constitutions.

The 6th Edition will be published in 2026.



STATE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CASES AND PRINCIPLES (forthcoming with Foundation Press, 2025)

Jessica Bulman-Pozen & Miriam Seifter

The First Edition of State Constitutional Law: Cases and Principles, by Professors Jessica Bulman-Pozen (Columbia Law School) and Miriam Seifter (Wisconsin Law School), will be published in April by Foundation Press. The book provides a contemporary, authoritative treatment of the field. It offers a fully national picture of the state constitutional topics it covers, complete with majority approaches and alternatives across the country. The book also provides detailed treatments of the full range of state constitutional issues—not only rights, but also government structure, democracy, fiscal provisions, and intrastate relations. The book emphasizes that state constitutions differ in important ways from the U.S. Constitution and are worth studying on their own terms, while also putting state constitutions in dialogue with their federal counterpart and exploring the role of state constitutions in a federal system. The book and accompanying teacher's manual are designed to be engaging

and accessible to first-time teachers and learners of state constitutional law. The book also offers notes and questions to challenge even those who have experience with state constitutional law.

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: INSTITUTIONS, POWERS, AND RIGHTS (forthcoming with West Academic, 2026)

Quinn Yeargain, Jonathan Marshfield, and Marcus Gadson

Our casebook about state constitutions has two core aims. First, it emphasizes learning a set of unique skills and methods of argumentation that empower students to make sense of the unusual scope, detail, and complexity of state constitutions. Second, our casebook recognizes that state constitutions are constantly updated, changed, and engaged with by various actors other than courts. U.S. Constitutional law is almost always taught as a class about the United States Supreme Court's interpretation of the U.S. Constitution. While this approach probably makes sense for U.S. Constitutional law, it's a wildly misleading approach to state constitutions. State constitutions are active and dynamic instruments of governance wholly unlike the U.S. Constitution. A good course on state constitutional law must help students realize that they can practice state constitutional law as litigators, reformers, legislators, and bureaucrats. It must also teach students how to practice constitutional law in an environment that is more dynamic and interdisciplinary than common perceptions of the U.S. Constitution. Bringing these two goals together, our casebook is built around exposing students to the key skills they need to properly engage with state constitutions from various angles. We select our substantive readings to showcase those skills rather than survey doctrine or content. Our casebook is oriented around teaching the deep structure of state constitutional law so that students are empowered to develop creative, critical, and authentic arguments. We hope it will enable more schools and scholars to offer state constitutional law courses.

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: THE MODERN EXPERIENCE (West 2022)

Jeffrey S. Sutton, Stephen R. McAllister, Randy J. Holland, & Jeffrey M. Shaman



STATE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: RIGHTS & PROTECTIONS (Matthew Bender 2024) Albert M. Rosenblatt



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<u>FLORIDA CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CASES IN CONTEXT</u> (Carolina Academic Press)
Jon L. Mills, Mary E. Adkins, & Timothy McLendon

THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION TRADITION (Carolina Academic Press 2022)

Anthony Johnstone