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“Otis without you not only would I not be at Thurgood Marshall, there would not be a Thurgood Marshall School of Law. This book’s for you!!”

—Martin Levy

To my parents, James and Evelyn Jackson, who were teachers, for being wonderful parents and for instilling in me an appreciation for teaching and learning. Hopefully one day I will reach their level as a teacher.

—Craig Jackson

Preface

This second edition contains updates and new cases in the area of Constitutional law since 2013; the words of our first edition prefaces still stand true:

Preface

Two things stand out in regard to the publication of this edition:

1. This is the first edition of the casebook published by Aspen.
2. I am joined by my colleague, Professor Craig Jackson, as a co-author.

Let me first thank Aspen for allowing me to reach the objectives detailed in the first publication of this work. My main interest has always been to conform written materials to support that which is reviewed in the class. I believe the teaching benefit is well worth the time spent, and at Thurgood Marshall's Law School (our namesake!), coverage of the postwar amendments and issues concerning equality are essential, and thus so is the coverage herein. I have also believed covering the interrelationship of jurisdictional requirements and how they relate to application of the judicial power is a central, yet more difficult, issue in presenting constitutional law. Thus, a review of Supreme Court decision making, using the "right of privacy" issues and cases, also sets this work apart from others. Publication by Aspen has allowed me to reach my objectives. Consequently, this work will be available for my students, my steadfast intent, while still as a part of Aspen's "Select Casebook Series," available on a national basis. So my thanks to all of the Aspen crew — Terry Johnson, Lynn Churchill, Carmen Corral-Reid, Lisa Wehrle, Rosalie Briand, and Gretchen Graham — for making this possible!

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Also, it gives me great pleasure to have my colleague Professor Craig Jackson join me as a co-author. Without Craig's assuming authorship of several sections herein, I don't know if it could have been done. So Craig, thanks and welcome!

Martin Levy
Houston
June 2013

Preface

This edition continues the inspired approach of the text's original author, Martin Levy, of presenting constitutional law within broader contexts than a simple progression of Supreme Court cases beginning with *Marbury v. Madison*. The text strives to demonstrate the role of social change in our nation's history in its case selection and emphasis. For example, this book includes in certain core areas of the constitutional law canon cases that trace the nation's struggle with race — slavery is presented within the context of the drafting of the Constitution and in the Commerce Clause, as a reminder of the practice of human trafficking that influenced the writing of the Constitution and continues to influence social events. Commercial regulation is presented as both a function of constitutional structure and international economics to demonstrate the kind of polity the Framers had in mind when drafting the Constitution. Procreative rights are the subject of several selected cases, including *Roe v. Wade*, to demonstrate judicial review and constitutional interpretation in addition to the jurisprudence of the Due Process Clause. The events leading up to and surrounding the nation's reaction to 9/11 are chronicled in cases addressing presidential power, separation of powers, the constitutional meaning of "war powers," and civil liberties.

It has been an honor to work with Marty, my colleague of 23 years, on this latest edition of the textbook, which I have used in my own teaching for more than ten years. Marty shares my view that constitutional law should be more than a collection of cases and descriptions of structures, fascinating perhaps to constitutional law scholars yet separated from the history and society that we all live in. Hopefully the use of historical and social contexts will be fascinating to students while demonstrating the real day-to-day impact of constitutional law on our lives.

Craig Jackson
Houston
June 2013

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