

University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) 2006
HY 292/7N
Constitutional Law Problems:
The Alabama Constitution
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Office Hours: By appointment or after class

Class Meetings: Tuesdays, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Rm 227 UW

Final Examination Period: December 9 -15, 2006. The Final Examination is December 12.

Required Texts:

Malcolm Cook McMillan, Constitutional Development in Alabama, 1798-1901: A Study in Politics, the Negro, and Sectionalism (Reprinted with Permission) (1955).

Official Proceedings of the Constitutional Convention of the State of Alabama, May 21st, 1901, to September 3rd, 1901 (1940) [hereinafter Proceedings]. The Proceedings are published in four volumes, containing a total of 5,070 pages plus indexes.

The website we utilize during the class lectures:

<http://www.legislature.state.al.us/misc/history/constitutions/constitutions.html>

Course Objectives:

The focus of this course is to analyze and discuss Alabama Constitutional and Legal History from various historical viewpoints.

Important Dates:

August 22	Classes Begin
Sept 4	Labor day Holiday
Oct 23	Last day to withdraw
Dec 6	Last day of fall classes
Nov 22	Reading Day
Nov 23 - 26	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec 9	Fall Exams Begin
Dec 19	Grades available on ACCESS

Final Examination: The final examination will cover the entire academic term and will consist of questions from the class lectures, assigned reading and discussions. In order for the student to earn the highest marks, the student will need to attend the class lectures and complete the assigned readings.

Class Schedule:

Aug. 22 - No class, hand out syllabus, fill out bio (make sure email address is correct)

book charge \$45.00 (bring to class on 29th).

Aug. 29 - Intro to course, lecture on objectivity in law and history.

- Robert Penn Warren, The Legacy of the Civil War -
 "The Great Alibi" analogy to the 1901 Constitution
 Birth of Alabama, The Territorial Stage
- Sept. 5- Alabama: A Constitutional State
 McMillan, Ch. 1 Mississippi Territorial Stage, p. 3-15
 McMillan, Ch. 2 The Alabama Territory, p. 16-29
- Sept. 12 - Secession, War and Reorganization
 McMillan, Ch. 3 The Alabama Constitution of 1819, p. 30-46
 McMillan, Ch. 4 and Ch. 5 1819-1861, p. 47-75
- Sept. 19 - The Oath and Reconstruction
 McMillan, Ch. 6 Secession Convention of 1861, p. 76-89
 McMillan, Ch. 7 Reorganization Following the War, p. 90-109
- Sept. 26th - MID TERM EXAMINATION
- Oct. 3 - Constitution and Discontent
 McMillan, Ch. 8 The Reconstruction Convention and Suffrage, p. 110-133
 McMillan, Ch. 9 General Provision of the Reconstruction Constitution, p.134-150
- Oct. 10 - TBA - "Birth of A Nation"
- Oct. 17 - The Bourbons, Redemption and Ratification
 McMillan, Ch. 10 Ratification of the 1868 Constitution, p. 151-174
 McMillan, Ch. 11 Movement for a Convention in 1875, p. 175-188
- Oct. 24 - Suffrage and Sectionalism: A New Constitution?
 A New Constitution - An Argument to be Made - Scalawags and Carpetbaggers
- Oct. 31 - The Disenfranchisement Convention, Alabama 1901
 McMillan, Ch. 12 The Bourbon Convention and an 1875 Constitution, p. 189-210
 McMillan, Ch. 13 Ratification of the 1875 Constitution, p. 211-216
- Nov. 7 - Revision but Not Progress
 McMillan, Ch. 14 Suffrage Revision, 1875-1901, p. 217-232
 McMillan, Ch. 15 Demand for General Revision, p. 233-248
- Nov. 14 - Suffrage: Alabama's Shame
 McMillan, Ch. 16 Movement for the Convention of 1901, p. 249-262
 McMillan, Ch. 17 1901 Convention Suffrage Plans, p. 263-282
- Nov. 21 - Suffrage: Alabama's Shame
 McMillan, Ch. 18 The Great Debate: Suffrage and Representation, p. 283-309
- Nov. 28 - 1901 changes
 McMillan, Ch. 19 General Constitutional Revision, p. 310-339
 McMillan, Ch. 20 Ratification and Limited Suffrage, p. 340-359
- Dec. 5- The Ghosts of Our Past Dictated our Constitutional Existence
 McMillan, Ch. 20 Ratification and Limited Suffrage, p. 340-359 (continued)
 McMillan, Ch. 21 Constitutional Trends in 19th Alabama Century, p. 360-370
- Final Exam - Dec. 12

NOTICE

The Professor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus as deemed necessary, throughout the course of the academic term.