

PLSC 471: American Constitutional Law
Federalism and the Separation of Powers

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The Constitution

Seven Articles:

- I: Congress (10 sections)
- II: Executive (4 sections)
- III: Courts (3 sections)
- IV: States (full faith and credit, privileges & immunities, republican government) (4 sections)
- V: Amendments (27 so far...)
- VI: Supremacy Clause (& oath of office & prohibition of religious tests)
- VII: Ratification (9 states)

The Constitution (continued)

Relationships among governments...

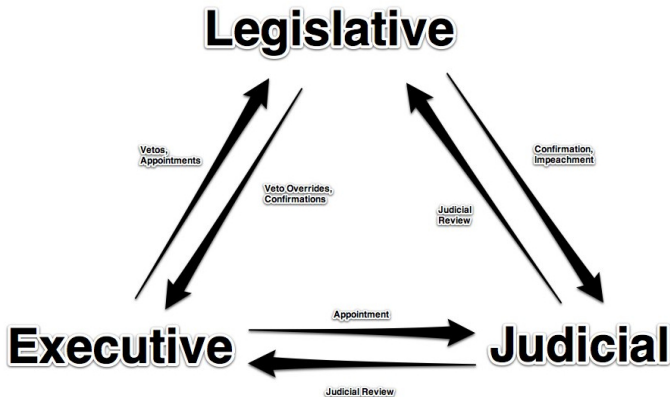
- “Horizontal” relationships
 - Separation of Powers
 - Checks and balances
- “Vertical” relationships
 - Federal vs. state & local governments (“federalism”)
 - Federal vs. individual (“rights”)

The Constitution (continued)

Key characteristics:

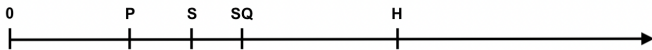
- Legislative Centrality
- “Hands Off” the States
- Both Specific and Vague
- *Prescriptive*

Separation of Powers



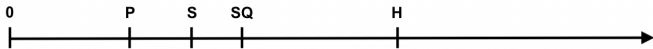
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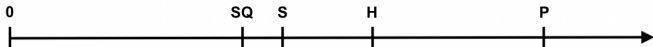


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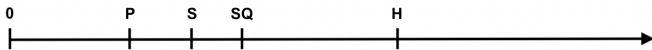


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