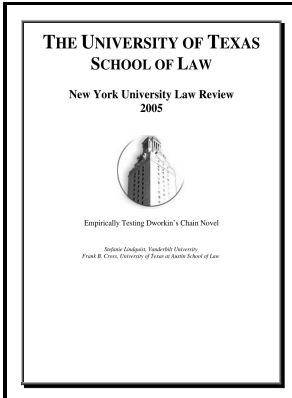


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There are some methods to avoid judicial precedent. Rejecting the progressive claim that the Constitution was an open-ended call for ceaseless change in the name of personal autonomy, Coolidge insisted that the American revolutionaries were no radicals. They can also contain more than one case law, depending on the number of issues addressed.

Precedent

Once the ambiguity is resolved, that resolution has binding effect as described in the rest of this article.

The Doctrine of Precedent

For these reasons, the obiter dicta may often be taken into consideration by a court. Further, courts must follow their own proclamations of law made earlier on other cases, and honor rulings made by other courts in disputes among the parties before them pertaining to the same pattern of facts or events, unless they have a strong reason to change these rulings see re: a court's previous holding being binding precedent for that court. It is important to understand the driving force that compelled American conservatives to become practically engaged in the worlds of politics, education, the courts, the culture—namely, the force of reaction.

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Widely cited nonbinding sources include legal such as and , or the published work of the or the. It is not law and tradition as such that are to be feared, but arbitrary laws and arbitrary government. For example, if a first case decides that a party was negligent, then other plaintiffs may rely on that earlier determination in later cases, and need not reprove the issue of negligence.

Engel v. Vitale

However, lower courts occasionally cite dissents, either for a limiting principle on the majority, or for propositions that are not stated in the majority

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