Unconstitutional Court Cases for Relief from Judgment

Preface

This eBook is a collection of significant court cases that address unconstitutional rulings, with emphasis on void judgments, due process, and subject matter jurisdiction. It is designed to educate legal scholars, students, and litigants on legal remedies available when courts exceed their constitutional bounds.

Chapter 1: Foundational Principles of Constitutional Law

This chapter explores core constitutional doctrines, such as separation of powers, due process under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments, and the supremacy of the Constitution over state action. It highlights the necessity of lawful authority and subject matter jurisdiction for any judicial ruling to be valid.

Chapter 2: Void Judgments and Subject Matter Jurisdiction

Key cases:

- *Ex parte Siebold*, 100 U.S. 371 (1879): Courts issuing judgments without jurisdiction render them void ab initio.
- *United States v. United Mine Workers*, 330 U.S. 258: Reinforces that jurisdiction is essential to judicial power.
- *Thompson v. Whitman*, 85 U.S. 457: A courts lack of jurisdiction can be challenged even after judgment is rendered.

Chapter 3: Individual Rights and Due Process

This chapter discusses procedural protections afforded to individuals. Cases like *Cohens v. Virginia* and *Fuentes v. Shevin* illustrate due process as a check against arbitrary government deprivation of rights or property.

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Chapter 4: Government Overreach and Jurisdictional Boundaries

This section showcases how courts have ruled against the expansion of power by administrative and legislative branches. *Marbury v. Madison* sets the tone for judicial review, while *Yick Wo v. Hopkins* emphasizes equal protection under administrative enforcement.

Chapter 5: Right to Privacy, Liberty, and Due Process

Cases such as *Roe v. Wade*, *Griswold v. Connecticut*, and *Mapp v. Ohio* form the backbone of privacy jurisprudence. They affirm that personal liberties cannot be infringed without strict scrutiny and procedural safeguards.

Chapter 6: Legal Occupations and Civil Rights

This chapter examines how state licensing schemes and occupational restrictions have been challenged under constitutional scrutiny. Key decisions include *Dent v. West Virginia* and *Schware v. Board of Bar Examiners*.

Appendix: Testimony and Notes from Michelle Samuels

Contains sworn testimony, legal research notes, and administrative filings asserting violations of constitutional and civil rights by court officials and clerks. Also includes documentation of procedural irregularities.

Glossary of Legal Terms

- 1. Jurisdiction: The authority granted to a legal body to administer justice.
- 2. Void Judgment: A court order rendered without jurisdiction.
- 3. Due Process: Legal requirement that the state must respect all legal rights owed to a person.
- 4. Equity: A branch of law that addresses remedies not available under common law.
- 5. Estoppel: A legal principle that prevents a party from arguing something contrary to a previous

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claim or behavior.

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