First Week Reading Assignment

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Assignment

WEEK #1

Chapter 1, Read pages (3-41)

Introduction to the Study of our State Constitution

Overview of the subject matter and the policy and structure of class.

The Concept of the State Constitution
Peters v. Meeks, 163 So.2d 753 (Fla. 1964)

Self-Executing and Non-Self-Executing Provisions Florida Hospital Waterman, Inc. v. Buster, 984 So. 2d 478 (Fla. 2008)

The Formal Amendment Process

Read Article XI Single Subject and Ballot Summary

Advisory Opinion to the Attorney General Re Florida Marriage Protection Amendment 926 So. 2d 1229 (Fla. 2006)

Integration of the Formal Amendment with the Then Existing Constitution State v. Division of Bond Finance of the Department, of General Services, 278 So.2d 614 (Fla. 1973) Folks v Marion County 163 So 298 (Fla. 1935)

Aids in Interpreting the Constitution State v. Town of Davie, 127 So. 2d 671 (Fla. 1961) Nichols v. State ex rel. Bolon, 177 So. 2d 467 (Fla. 1965)


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WEEK #2

Chapter 2-Separation of Powers (pgs. 45-62)

Judicial Modification of the Common Law Shands Teaching Hospital & Clinics v. Smith Connor v Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center

Statutory Construction Brown v. State

Skip State v. Stalder

Executive v. Legislative Florida House of Representatives v. Crist

Judicial v. Executive Office of the State Attorney for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit v. Polites

Legislative v. Executive Jones v. Chiles

Executive v. Judicial McNeil v. County

Legislative v. Judicial Bush v. Schiavo

Delegation of Powers Bush v. Schiavo

Chapter 3-The Legislature (90-106)

Introduction to this section

Distinction between Session laws and Florida Statutes

CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS Franklin v. State; Salter v. State; Santos v. State; State v. Combs

Continuation of Chapter 3-Legislature (pgs. 105-131)

Title Requirement North Ridge General Hospital v. City of Oakland Park

Appropriation Bills- Art III § 12 Department of Education v. Lewis

General Laws (GL), Special Laws (SL) and General Law of Local Application (GLLA) –Art 3 sec. 10 St. Johns River Water Management District v. Deseret Ranches of Florida Pinellas County Veterinary Medical Society v. Chapman State v. Besserger

Prohibited Special Laws Lawnwood Medical Center, Inc. V. Seeger

Precedence Between General and Special Laws Town of Palm Beach v. Palm Beach Local1866 of International Association Fire Fighters;

Governor’s Veto Power Florida Society of Ophthalmology v. Florida Optometric Association

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