POLITICS 167
SUPREME COURTS AND ELECTIONS:
AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE
TR 11:00 – 12:15
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1. The law of elections (Aug. 24)
   • Donald Kommers, et al, American Constitutional Law. Volume 1: Governmental
     Powers and Democracy. Third edition (Rowman & Littlefield, 2009), ch. 1
     (‘The Supreme Court’) and Appendix E (‘Understanding Supreme Court
     Opinions’).
   • Further tips on briefing for Politics 167
   • Background law: Frequently cited sections of the US Constitution

2. The right to vote:
   a. in the US (lecture Aug. 26, case brief due Aug. 31)
      [Read the “Nuts and Bolts of the Voting Rights Act” in the course pack.]
      1. Minor v. Happersett
      2. Richardson v. Ramirez
   b. in Canada and Australia (lecture Sept. 2, brief due Sept. 7)
      3. Sauvé v. Canada (Chief Electoral Officer)
      4. Roach v. Electoral Commissioner

3. Apportionment (lecture Sept. 9, brief due Sept. 14)
   5. Wesberry v. Sanders
   6. The Attorney General for Saskatchewan v. Carter
   And check out this on-line apportionment/districting game to get a feel for what is
   involved in mapping constituencies:
      http://www.redistrictinggame.org

4. Representation:
   a. in the US (lecture Sept. 16, brief due Sept. 21)
      7. United Jewish Organizations v. Carey
      8. Shaw v. Reno
   b. in Kenya and Hong Kong (lecture Sept. 23, brief due Sept. 28)
      9. Lemeiguran v. Attorney General
      10. Chan Wah v. Hang Hau Rural Committee

5. Voter ID (lecture Sept. 30, brief due Oct. 5)
   11. Crawford v. Marion County Election Board
   13. Gusciola v. Corzine  

7. Campaign claims and content:  
   a. in the US (lecture Oct. 14; brief due Oct. 21)  
      15. Henley v. DeVore  
      16. Siefer v. Alexander  
   b. in the UK, India and Malaysia (brief due Oct. 26):  
      [Read the background notes in the course pack]  
      17. ProLife Alliance v. British Broadcasting Corporation  
      18. Harcharn Singh v. Sajjan Singh  

8. Parties barred and banned:  
   a. in the US (lecture Oct. 28, brief due Nov. 2)  
      20. Dennis v. United States  
   b. in Philippines and Turkey (lecture Nov. 4, brief due Nov. 9)  
      21. Ang Ladlad v. Commission on Elections  
      22. Refah Partisi v. Turkey

9. American specialties:  
   a. campaign finance (lecture Nov. 11, brief due Nov. 16)  
      23. Randall v. Sorrell  
   b. corporate expenditure (lecture Nov. 18, brief of JJ Kennedy’s & Thomas’s  
      opinions due Nov. 23, brief of Justice Stevens’s dissent due Nov. 30)  
      25. Citizens United v. FEC [Stevens]  
   c. party primaries (lecture Dec. 2, brief due Dec. 7)  
      26. Tashjian v. Republican Party of Connecticut  
      27. California Democratic Party v. Jones

10. Wrap-up (Dec. 9): last briefs returned, guide to final exam issued, course evaluations filled out.