

VOTING RIGHTS

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Tentative Schedule

The text for this course is The Law of Democracy, Issacharoff, Karlan & Pildes, Foundation Press, 1998 Ed. For the first class (Friday, January 4th) please read George W. Bush v. Albert Gore, 2000 WL 1811418, 121 S.Ct. 525, Albert Gore Jr. v. Katherine Harris, 2000 WL 1800752, 772 So.2d 1243, and pages 17-40 in the casebook.

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