

**CNST DEM 2004-01:  
Constitutional Litigation (3 credits)**  
Prof. Erin M. Hawley, Senior Fellow  
Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy

**Zoom Meetings:** Mondays, 1:00-1:50 p.m.

**Online Meetings and Assignments:** Throughout the week on Canvas

**Experiential Trip to Washington, DC (required):** Friday, October 30 – Monday, November 2

**Required Supplemental Course Fee:** \$1,200.00\*



**Course Description:**

This course will explore federal constitutional adjudication from the viewpoint of a law clerk to a justice of the United States Supreme Court. We will look to the founding era and the constitutional contours of the federal courts set out in Article III and on how that framework gave rise to judicial review today. We will also explore more modern concepts such as how the Supreme Court chooses its docket (the certiorari process), the role played by law clerks, the brief writing and oral argument processes, and the way the Court goes about deciding cases, including those impacting major social, political, military, and economic events.

**Application:**

Applications are available by request from Prof. Hawley and online at [democracy.missouri.edu](http://democracy.missouri.edu)

Please send the completed application to

Prof. Erin M. Hawley at [Hawleye@Missouri.edu](mailto:Hawleye@Missouri.edu)

Please write your name and the words “course application” in the subject line.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Application review will begin April 10, 2020 and will conclude when the course cap is reached.

Students must register for the course within two weeks of being notified of acceptance so that open seats may be offered to students on the waitlist.

\*The supplemental course fee will cover airfare, hotel, tickets, and most meals in Washington, D.C. Students will be responsible for their meals at the airport during travel to and from Washington, D.C.

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Please type your answers into a single Word document and attach your resume as a separate document.

Application materials are due to Professor Hawley at [hawleye@missouri.edu](mailto:hawleye@missouri.edu)

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Please write your name and the words “course application” in the subject line of your e-mail.

All answers should be in regular type (not bold).

**Name:**

**Academic year:**

**Graduation date:**

**GPA:**

**Major(s):**

**Minor(s):**

**Certificate(s):**

**Please attach your resume when you submit your application materials.**

**Short Essay Questions:**

Please use regular type (not bold), Garamond Font, 12 point type size, and single space your answers.

- 1. In 250 words or fewer, describe your interest in learning about the United States Supreme Court. Include the word count at the end of your answer.**
- 2. In 250 words or fewer, choose a United States Supreme Court case from the last 10 years and explain its significance. Include the word count at the end of your answer.**