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IMPORTANT CASES THIS WEEK



Ramirez v. Collier



Carroll v. United States



Thompson v. Oklahoma

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Religion & the Death Penalty.



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The Supreme Court held that a death row inmate reserves the right to have a pastor touch him and pray over his body while he is being

executed under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act. Texas's execution chamber laws were found to violate this act as they did not employ the least restrictive means of satisfying the state's compelling interests. The Court accordingly reversed the lower court's decision and granted the petitioner a preliminary injunction. Read the full decision [here](#).

Carroll v. United States

Pushing the boundaries of warrantless searches.

Carroll v. US is a case cited as precedent that widened the scope of warrantless searches. In this case, the Court held that an officer could lawfully stop and search a vehicle if they have probable cause for believing a specific object is being illegally transported in the vehicle. It also held that the right to search and the validity of the seizure are not dependent on the right to arrest. Read the full decision [here](#).



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Thompson v. Oklahoma

Applying the Death Penalty to minors.

Thompson was a 15-year-old who was tried and convicted as an adult of first-degree murder in Oklahoma. This case became a landmark decision as the Court held that ordering capital punishment for offenders under 16 violates the Eighth Amendment's prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment. Read the full decision [here](#).



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OTHER LEGAL OPPORTUNITIES ON CAMPUS

THE TROJAN REVIEW'S UPCOMING SYMPOSIUM

Trojan Review, USC's undergraduate law journal, has announced the theme for its Fall symposium: Civil Rights, Individual Liberties, and Substantive Due Process in Modern Jurisprudence. All undergraduates are encouraged to submit a note, some of which will be chosen to present at the symposium!



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Any USC Undergraduate student is encouraged to submit a piece for our Fall 2022 Symposium. A few students will be chosen to present at our in-person Symposium in December.

Submissions due December 2, 2022. Visit our website to find out more information.



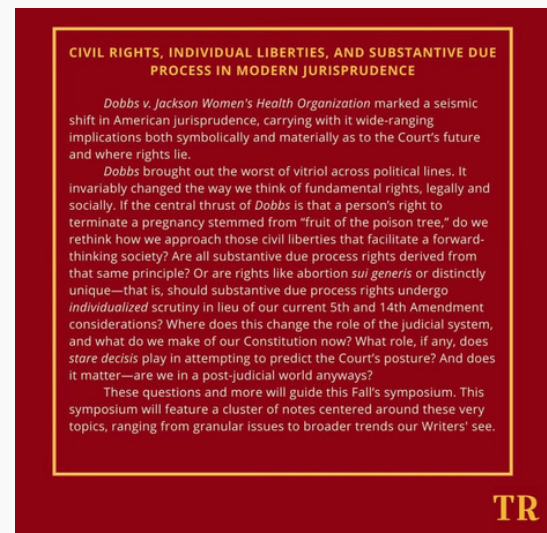
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Submissions will be due the day of the in-person symposium, December 2nd. Notes should be around 1500 words but no longer than 3000. Submissions need not be written exclusively for the seminar; they can be papers written for course credit if they relate to the theme significantly.

The Trojan Review is an undergraduate law review that provides undergraduates with the resources necessary to explore legal writing and research. It was created to familiarize students with opportunities in the field of law and encourage one another to think critically and holistically about pertinent legal topics.



**CIVIL RIGHTS, INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES, AND SUBSTANTIVE DUE
PROCESS IN MODERN JURISPRUDENCE**

Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization marked a seismic shift in American jurisprudence, carrying with it wide-ranging implications both symbolically and materially as to the Court's future and where rights lie.

Dobbs brought out the worst of vitriol across political lines. It invariably changed the way we think of fundamental rights, legally and socially. If the central thrust of *Dobbs* is that a person's right to terminate a pregnancy stemmed from "fruit of the poison tree," do we rethink how we approach those civil liberties that facilitate a forward-thinking society? Are all substantive due process rights derived from that same principle? Or are rights like abortion *sui generis* or distinctly unique—that is, should substantive due process rights undergo *individualized* scrutiny in lieu of our current 5th and 14th Amendment considerations? Where does this change the role of the judicial system, and what do we make of our Constitution now? What role, if any, does *stare decisis* play in attempting to predict the Court's posture? And does it matter—are we in a post-judicial world anyways?

These questions and more will guide this Fall's symposium. This symposium will feature a cluster of notes centered around these very topics, ranging from granular issues to broader trends our Writers' see.

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