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Salem Press Announces: *The Bill of Rights, Second Edition*

The Bill of Rights is a comprehensive survey of all aspects of the U.S. Bill of Rights; from its origins to its role in modern American history. Special attention is given to the organic relationship of the Bill of Rights to the original Constitution, its ongoing interpretation and incorporation by the U.S. Supreme Court, and the political and social issues it has spawned.

This new edition of *The Bill of Rights* is an encyclopedic guide to the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution—those collectively known as the U.S. Bill of Rights because of the important rights and liberties they were framed to protect. The content in these two volumes is comprehensive, and has been revised and expanded to relate to today's current social and political climates.

Our editors have reorganized the content in this new edition into four broad sections to make it more accessible and comprehensible: Overview of the Ten Amendments; Historical Topics and Legal Concepts; Contemporary Issues Relating to the Bill of Rights; and Court Cases. Volume 2 also includes seven valuable Appendixes and an Index.

Overview of the Ten Amendments: This section contains individual articles on each of the first ten amendments, offering historical background and present day relevance. The full text of each amendment can be found in the U.S. Constitution, which is reprinted as Appendix B at the back of Volume 2.

Historical Concepts and Legal Concepts: From a history of the Bill of Rights, to War and the Bill of Rights, these 43 essays survey the history and significance of the Bill of Rights within the broader contexts of the principles of constitutional law and U.S. legal history. The 28 new topics in this section include Citizenship, Regulation of Commerce, Constitutional Law, Reasonable Doubt in Criminal Trials, and the Right to Travel. An important concept discussed here is "incorporation," which refers to the process that the Supreme Court has used to make most of the first nine amendments binding on the states, a process that occurs through the Fourteenth Amendment. Although the Fourteenth Amendment is not part of the Bill of Rights, it is one of the keys to understanding their developments and applications since 1868. See table opposite.

Contemporary Issues Relating to the Bill of Rights: The third section of the work address 81 specific, contemporary issues relating to the Bill of Rights. These articles cover subjects ranging from Abortion Rights to Zoning; essays new to this edition include Affirmative Action Programs, Gender Issues, Hate Speech, Illegitimacy, Immigration and

Naturalization, Insanity Test, Lemon Law, and National Security. Readers can quickly find the subjects they are looking for by their alphabetically arranged titles or in the comprehensive index in Volume 2.

Court Cases: The fourth section of *The Bill of Rights* consists of 391 essays on the individual court cases through which the rights in the Bill of Rights have been defined and extended. It is through these cases that the Supreme Court has provided authoritative interpretations of the Bill of Rights, thereby establishing doctrines and principles of constitutional law. This edition includes 116 new cases, and covers Supreme Court decisions through early September, 2017.

Essays in this set are written and formatted to be accessible to high school and college students and other non-specialist readers. Each essay opens with “Description” and “Significance” paragraphs that briefly explain the subject and summarize its significance in constitutional history. Contemporary Issues and Court Cases contain additional top matter that identifies the Bill of Rights amendments that are most relevant to the essays’ subjects. Because of the close relationship between the Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment, many “Relevant Amendment” lines also cite that amendment.

Some of the material in *The Bill of Rights* has appeared in earlier Salem Press publications, including the *Encyclopedia of the U.S. Supreme Court* (2017), *American Justice* (1996), and *Censorship* (1997) – all cited as “Outstanding Reference Source” titles by the American Library Association. This new edition of *The Bill of Rights* has been completely updated, and includes 42 new essays and 116 new Supreme Court cases.

Back matter material in Volume 2 includes complete reprints of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and Amendments to the Constitution. Four additional appendices are valuable research tools: Glossary; Time Line; Annotated Bibliography; and Supreme Court Justices and their views on Bill of Rights’ issues. The final item in Volume 2 is a comprehensive subject index.

This new edition adds new coverage of recent challenges to and reinterpretations of The Bill of Rights regarding reproductive rights, same-sex marriage, and free expression in a digital age.

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