The Rule of Law

When it works, it’s a beautiful thing.

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We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

“The real beauty lies in the pedestrian impact of these lofty aspirations: in the apartment building that does not collapse because there’s a building code and an unbribable inspector enforcing it. In the opening of a store, the real beauty lies in the pedestrian transparency and attainable capital. And in the justice system that hasn’t collapsed because the prosecutor insists on our shared humanity.”

“Of course, the 14th Amendment’s Due Process Clause is critical in our quest for an accessible and enforceable rule of law. It may not be perfect, but it is the most binding guarantor of the rule of law in our federal system.”

“A country that can put people on the moon can put women in the constitution.”

WE THE PEOPLE

The Constitution of the United States

5,391

Number of words contained in the Constitution

“...the rule of law based on perceptions of general public and in-country legal experts worldwide.”

“...a heritage that commit us to the values of democracy and the universal cause of human rights.”

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