

Evidence

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.

With these words, a people united to constitute a government with a fundamental purpose: to uplift them and protect them from tyranny through the Rule of Law. But 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 new bakery enabled by regulatory transparency and attainable capital. In the jury that does not rubber-stamp the prosecutor.

In other words, The Rule of Law insists on our shared humanity. But what exactly is it? Let's explore.

"A smaller percentage of citizens in the Western world view democracy as necessary for personal freedom, human rights, prosperity, and economic development. Democracy is anything but assured in the modern world."

PROFESSOR VLAD PERJU



THE CONSTITUTION

Trivia

7,591

Number of words contained in the Constitution.

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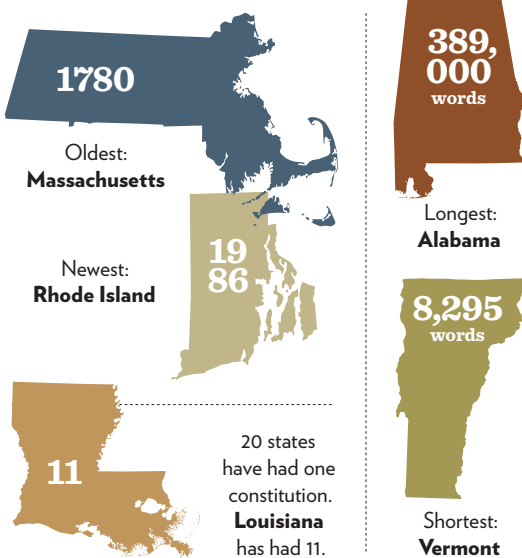
US has world's second oldest constitution, after San Marino

The original was "engrossed" (copied in a fine, clear hand) by Jacob Shallus, assistant clerk for the Pennsylvania Assembly.

George Washington James Madison

It was signed by two future presidents, **George Washington** and **James Madison**

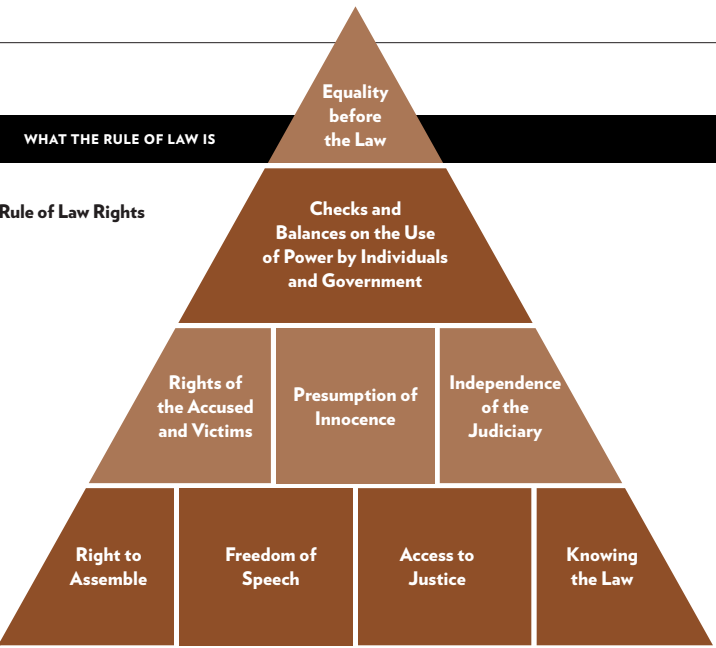
State Constitutions



"We are not Romans; we do not seek an empire. We are Americans, trustees of a vision and a heritage that commit us to the values of democracy and the universal cause of human rights."

POLITICIAN AND DIPLOMAT JOHN KERRY '76

WHAT THE RULE OF LAW IS



Rule of Law Rights

Rankings

World Justice Project index measures the rule of law based on perceptions of general public and in-country legal experts worldwide.



US Citizenship Exam

Correct answers to the question: "What is the Rule of Law?"

- Everyone must follow the law.
- Government must obey the law.
- Leaders must obey the law.
- No one is above the law.

International Advocacy

A sample of BC Law participants upholding the rule of law on global stage.

- **Dermot Groome '85**, senior war crimes prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.
- **Phil Weiner '80**, international war crimes judge at the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- **Michael Mone, Jr. '96**, habeas attorney for Guantánamo detainees.
- **E. Joan Blum**, associate professor, Fulbright grantee, and teacher of the Rule of Law at Tashkent State University of Law, Uzbekistan.
- **Vlad Perju**, professor and inaugural director of BC's Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy
- **Katharine Young**, professor, author of *Constituting Economic and Social Rights*, which examines legal systems of nations whose constitutions entrench basic economic and social rights.

The 8 Factors Needed for Effective Rule of Law



"A country that can put men on the moon can put women in the constitution."

US REPRESENTATIVE **MARGARET HECKLER '56**

THEN AND NOW

Historical

18th Century B.C.

The Babylonian Code of Hammurabi was established "to declare justice in the land, to settle all disputes, heal all injuries."

13th Century B.C.

The Treaty of Kadesh between Egyptian pharaoh Ramesses II and Hittite king Hattusili III is the earliest known peace treaty.

13th Century

Magna Carta declared "To no one will We sell, to no one will We deny or delay, right or justice."

16th Century

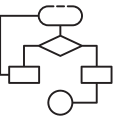
Albertico Gentili founded international law and separated secular law from Roman Catholic theology and canon law.

Modern Technology

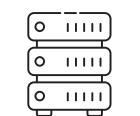
Emerging digital tools for citizens and governments.



Legal Equalizer® app for encounters with police.



Algorithms to uncover institutional bias.



Databases to match vulnerable households with social programs.



Programs to detect deep-fake media.