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The United States Supreme Court

*United States Reports* is the official publication of U.S. Supreme Court decisions. Currently more than 580 volumes, it contains the text of every Supreme Court decision. To find a case, one uses the case’s citation. For example, the citation for *Gideon v. Wainwright* (discussed in Chapter 2) is 372 U.S. 335. The “U.S.” indicates that the case is found in *U.S. Reports*. The number preceding “U.S.” is the volume of *U.S. Reports* in which the case is found, and the number following it is the page number on which the case begins. Thus, *Gideon v. Wainwright* begins on page 335 of volume 372 of *U.S. Reports*. Court rulings are available on the Internet.

**Online:** The web site of the Supreme Court ([www.supremecourtus.gov](http://www.supremecourtus.gov)) most accessible online site for current U.S. Supreme Court decisions, as well as the legal briefs filed in the cases and the oral arguments in the cases. The Legal Information Institute ([www.law.cornell.edu/supct](http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct)) provides the full text of all Supreme Court decisions since 1890 and offers a free e-mail subscription service that provides summaries of Supreme Court rulings on the day that they are announced. FindLaw ([www.findlaw.com](http://www.findlaw.com)) provides the texts of Supreme Court decisions, as well as a host of other legal resources.

**Supreme Court Cases**

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*Brown v. Board of Education I* (1954)

*Brown v. Board of Education II* (1955)

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Lee v. Weisman (1992)
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Other Courts

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INTERNET RESOURCES

Federal Courts and Federal Law

U.S. Supreme Court:  www.supremecourtus.gov : cases, briefs, oral arguments.
National Constitution Center:  https://constitutioncenter.org
Constitutional commentary:
Law Schools, Legal Education, and the Legal Profession

Law School Admissions Council: www.lsac.org
Association of American Law Schools: www.aals.org
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