

Author’s Introduction to the 2025-2026 Edition

The Preface that follows discusses the purposes of the Treatise and summarizes the contents of each chapter, including references to important Supreme Court decisions dealing with § 1983. I encourage my readers, especially new users of the Treatise, to consult it.

This 2025-2026 Edition includes not only recent important circuit court and state court decisions, but all § 1983-related decisions of the Supreme Court that were handed down up to, and including, its 2024 Term.

Supreme Court Decisions in the 2024 Term

- *Royal Canin U.S.A. Inc. v. Wullschleger*: removal and amended § 1983 complaints (see § 1:38)
- *Perttu v. Richards*: the Prison Litigation Reform Act, exhaustion of administrative remedies and jury trial (see § 1:52)
- *Williams v. Reed*: exhaustion of administrative remedies and state court § 1983 claims (see §§ 1:59 and 9:61)
- *Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic*: the spending power, the Medicaid Act and “laws” actions (see § 2:38)
- *Barnes v. Felix*: Fourth Amendment excessive force and the “totality of the circumstances” approach (see § 3:21)
- *Gutierrez v. Saenz*: standing of a death row inmate to use § 1983 to seek access to DNA testing (see § 9:30)
- *Lackey v. Stinnie*: preliminary injunctions, prevailing parties and attorney’s fees (see § 10:7)

Certiorari Granted for Decision in the 2025 Term

- *Landor v. Louisiana Department of Corrections and Public Safety*: the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act and damages actions against state and local government officials sued in their individual capacity (see § 3:15)

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As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me directly: my email address is snahmod@illinoistech.edu.

In addition, you may be interested in my blog, nahmodlaw.com, where I comment on § 1983 and constitutional law issues, including the First Amendment and the Religion Clauses.

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