

CHAPTER QUESTIONS

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1. Explain the difference between judicial activism and restraint.
2. Summarize the point of view of the Founders with respect to courts.
3. Summarize the facts which led up to the case *Marbury v. Madison* and the Supreme Court's ruling in that landmark case.
4. Describe Franklin D. Roosevelt's so-called "court packing" plan.
5. Provide some examples of recent Supreme Court decisions which suggest there is something of a revival of state sovereignty in that institution.
6. Explain the difference between a constitutional and legislative court.
7. Explain how "senatorial courtesy" affects federal court nominations.
8. Generalize about the number of successful and unsuccessful nominations to the United States Supreme Court and provide some explanations for why some nominations have failed.
9. What are two circumstances where the Supreme Court will often grant *certiorari*?

CHAPTER VOCABULARY

- a. activist approach
- b. *amicus curiae*
- c. appellate jurisdiction
- d. bloc voting
- e. civil law
- f. class action suit
- g. concurring opinion
- h. constitutional court
- i. criminal law
- j. diversity case
- k. *Dred Scott v. Sandford*
- l. fee shifting
- m. Friday conference
- n. Gang of Fourteen
- o. *In forma pauperis*
- p. judicial restraint
- q. judicial review
- r. litmus test
- s. *per curiam* opinion

t. plaintiff

u. political question

v. remedy

w. senatorial courtesy

x. solicitor general

y. sovereign immunity

z. standing

aa. *stare decisis*

bb. *writ of certiorari*