

Behind the Scenes at the U.S. Supreme Court



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Agenda/Road Map

- Why care about the Supreme Court?
- What happens inside the Court?

Why Care About the Court?

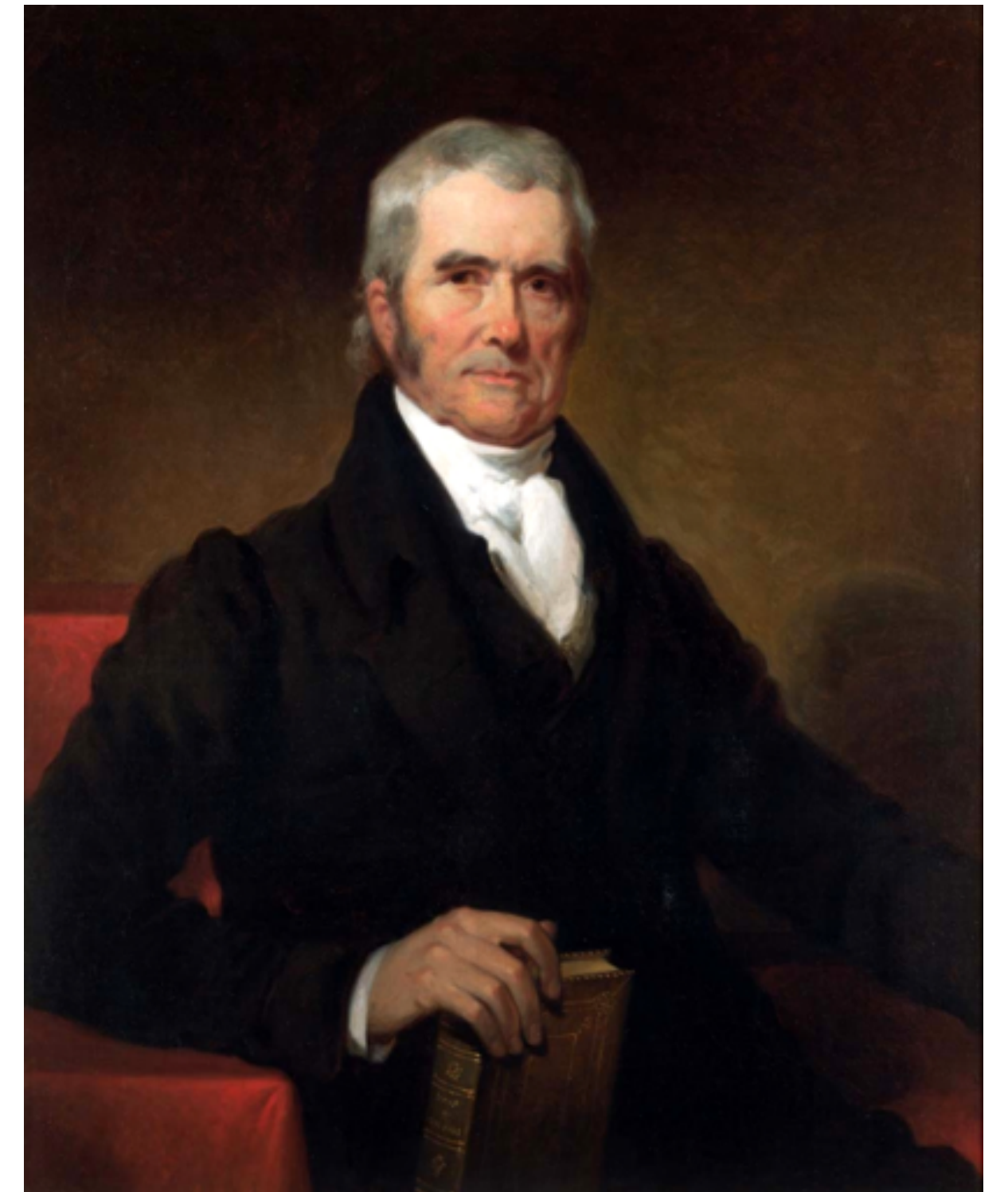
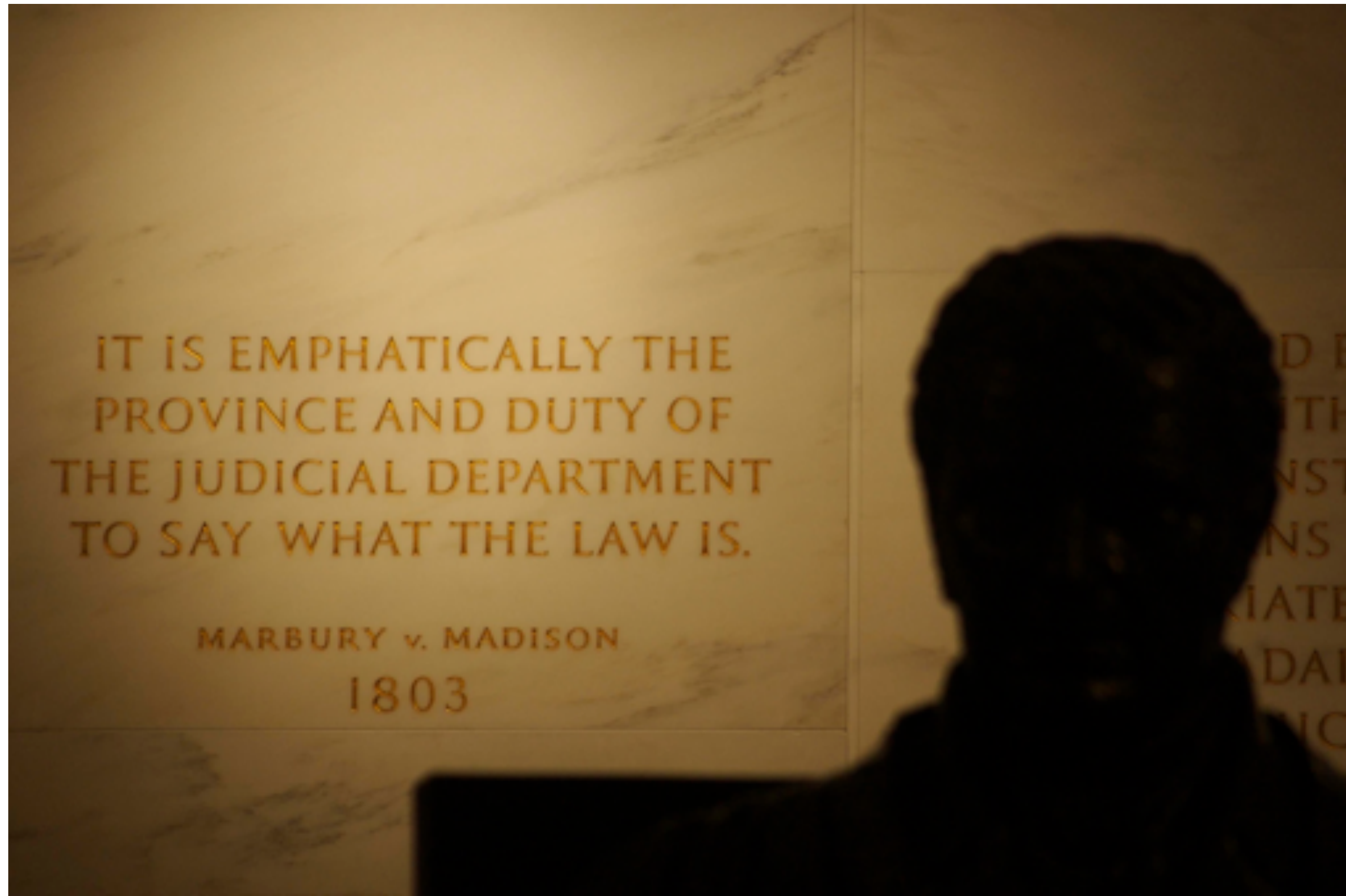
The Judicial Branch

“scarcely any political questions arises in the United States that is not resolved, sooner or later, into a judicial question.”

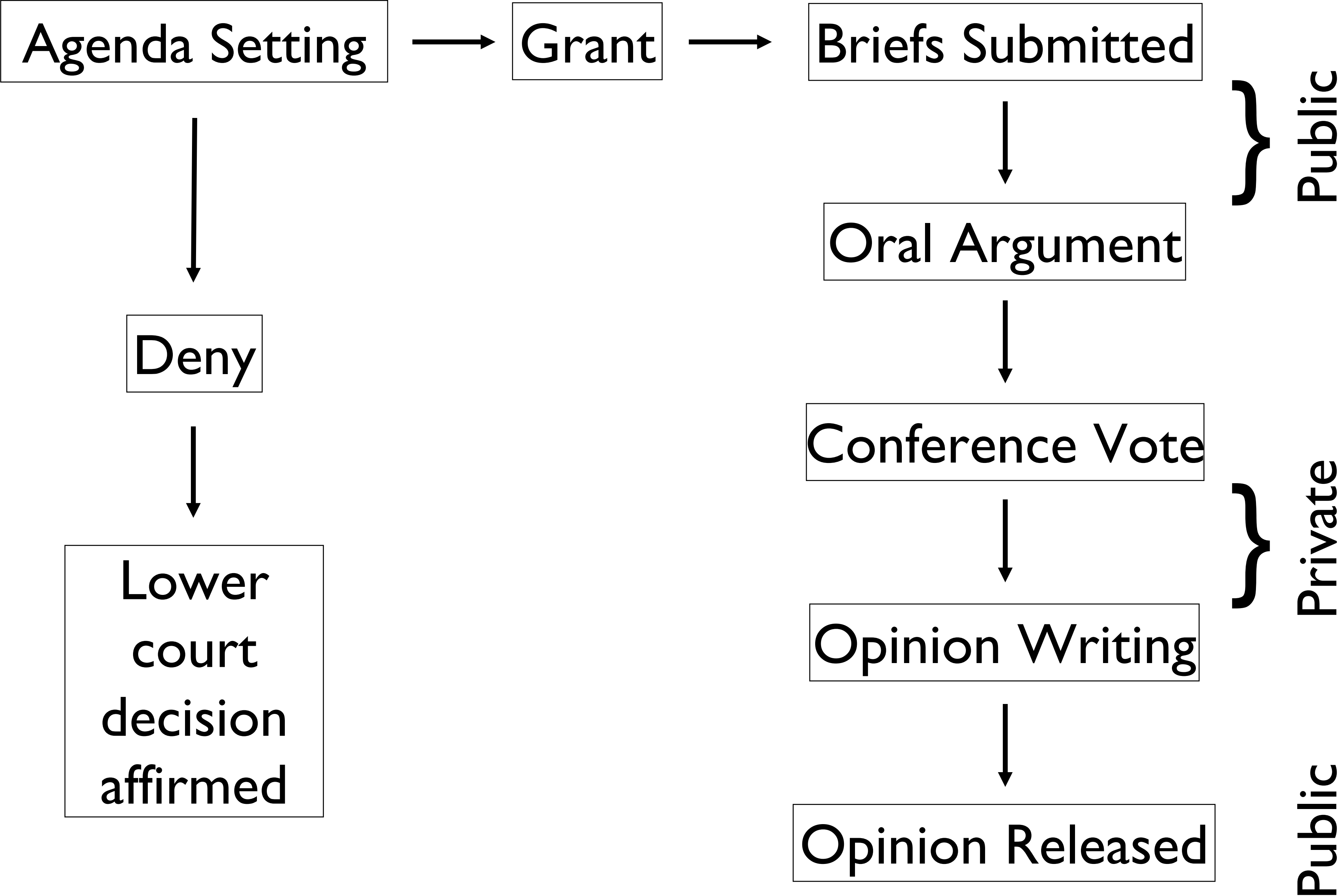
—Alexis de Tocqueville



Why Care About the Court?



Stages of Supreme Court Decision Making



How Do We Know?



Mr Forester ↓ tell red
Q- yes, the ropes + stanch replacement
CA did a rest on fraud
R- what if rope was for Emt for 2 yrs?
Q- why is just to free + use econ measures mini + law?

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Supreme Court of the United States

Memorandum

13 Oct

1993

Questions

92-757

$$RBG \quad 12 + 9 = 21$$

$$AS \quad 9 + 9 = 18$$

$$DHS \quad 0 + 7 = 7$$

46

92-1168

$$RBG \quad 14 + 13 = 27$$

$$AS \quad 13 + 2 = 15$$

$$DHS \quad 4 + 7 = 11$$

53

Copy was placed in each file

Supreme Court of the United States

Memorandum

27 Feb, 1980

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No. 90-1577, United States v. R.L.C.
Argued: December 10, 1991

P. Inboden SC

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56 56

3-5 on each. In it under 1 person > 2-3000 ft per

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Supreme Court of the United States

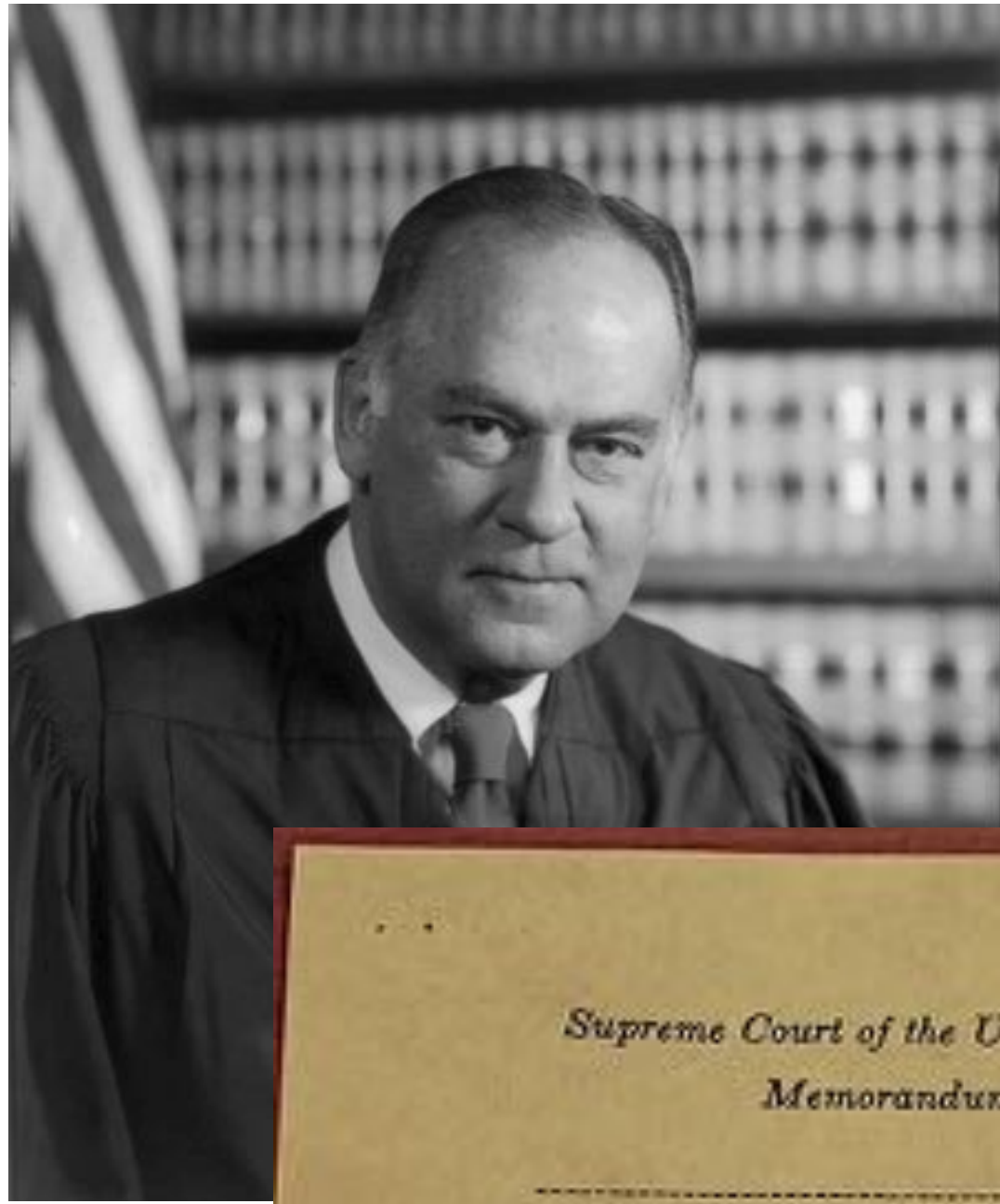
Memorandum

4-21

1973

Harry—
Have you noticed
that only three out of
the nine "new lights" are
on?

From WHR: Have you noticed that only three out of the nine "new lights" are on?



Supreme Court of the United States
 Memorandum
 _____, 19____

After 1/2:
 Rose grounded to 2nd.
 Morgan walked

Supreme Court of the United States
 Memorandum
 _____, 19____

V.P. AGNEW JUST
 RESIGNED !!

METS 2
 REDS 0

Driessen singled on
 Morgan took 3rd
 Driessen took 2nd
 Percz struck out
 Bench walked instead
 Grippy flied to c
 w/ bases loaded.

NO SCORE

Supreme Court of the United States
 Memorandum
 _____, 19____

1 1/2 INNINGS GONE

METS 2
 REDS 0

NBC NEWS IS SOURCE OF
 AGNEW STORY



Supreme Court of the United States

Memorandum

12-7, 1981

ALW -

Do you remember where
you were 40 years ago
about right now?

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Driving down the
Outer Drive in (?)
Chicago - headed
to Colo[rado]
from Detroit

C.J. Thinks Congress has ratified by appropriation & has acc does authorize
relocation center as place of confinement

Thinks order was within power on Harabaki

Thinks can not consider relocation provision - it would conflict
issue to presence there & can not question detention

Thinks valid anyway - y keep out one area - may keep in another.

Appin

Roberts - Martial law not in effect. Reverse

Starts with Harabaki case. Actin Commander endorsed by Congress.

Thinks might also exclude. Ends consideration who could not stay & could not go
& must go into arms of authority -

The Chief Justice

By Justice Brandeis
I think it will be useful
to see what was said in the
case to the public, even though
I cannot agree
I think it is
a very good thing

Brennan, J. +

It is not
the intention of the
Court to say that
the law is
the law

Brennan, J. +

This is what you

Tax comes symbolize up.

It may be command respect
this way

Too require

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No. 81-744) Planned Parenthood v. Casey
No. 81-982) Casey v. Planned Parenthood

The Chief Justice + -

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on the 7th day - Sunday
+ on the 8th day
of upholding - its authority
to be sufficient to be an organ to
be a multi-part
the 7th - 8th

Wrote J. + -

2-17-82

Stevens, J. ±

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- + need survey

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ccc 12/04/85 ^

Cabell - follow

Justice Powell -

I am working on your opinion in the speedy trial case, US v. Lord Hawk.

Your "yellow paper" talking points expressly state that you would never change appeal time unless the government's appeal is plainly unfair. But I

read conference notes as suggesting a more elaborate inquiry (HAB, WHR, SOC & -perhaps- CS).

Your wish is my pleasure.

Cabell

No. 73-690, Air Pollution Variance Bd.
v. Western Alfalfa

Dear Bill,

I trust you will be willing to add something like the following clause to the final sentence of the text on page 2 of your opinion:

" , made applicable to the States by the Fourteenth. Mapp v. Ohio, 367 U. S. 643. "

With this addition, I shall be glad to join your opinion for the Court.

Sincerely yours,

No.

For *(at least)*
today, the law of abortion stands *undisturbed* perfectly still. *For*
today, the women of this Nation *still* retain the liberty to control their
destinies. ~~Oh, but an icy wind blows.~~

I dissent.

*But the signs are evident
and ^{soon} ominous, such a chill
wind blows.*

7-6-89

MR. JUSTICE BLACKMUN:
CONCENTRATE ON RENDER-
ING DECISIONS AND LEAVE
THE WEATHER REPORTS TO
THE METEOROLOGISTS.
THANK YOU.

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Resources

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<https://verdict.justia.com>

<https://www.supremecourt.gov>

Nina Totenberg – National Public Radio

Dahlia Lithwick – Amicus Curiae Podcast

Adam Liptak – New York Times

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