**SYLLABUS FOR SEPARATION OF POWERS SEMINAR**

*Professor Bruff*

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**Readings.** The books to buy are Bruff, Balance of Forces: Separation of Powers Law in the Administrative State (2006) and Danner, Torture and Truth (2004). Both are available from the CU Bookstore. I will make supplementary materials available by posting them to the TWEN site for the course.

**Meetings.** We will meet Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:20 in Room 411, beginning on August 27th.

**My availability.** You can find me in Room 413, on (303) 735-3536, or at Harold.Bruff@Colorado.edu. If I’m too busy to talk I’ll tell you that. An easy way to find me is to email asking to meet, with some times you can do that, and I’ll pick one that fits my schedule.

**Research paper.** A main goal of this seminar is for you to produce a paper that develops and displays the research and analytic skills that a graduating law student should possess. These are usually about 30-40 pages in length. The schedule for the steps of producing the paper appears below with the assignments. There will be no exam, but your class attendance and participation will count in the final grade.

**Assignments.** (We begin in my book, and then shift to other materials.)

- Aug. 27: Preface and 1-32
- Sept. 3: 33-76
- Sept. 10: 77-126
- Sept. 24: 219-257; Presidential signing statements
- Oct. 1: 257-290; Searching congressional offices **(Outlines due)**
- Oct. 8: 311-356
- Oct. 15: 356-365; Introduction to foreign policy
- Oct. 22: Introduction to foreign policy (cont.); Introduction to terror war
- Oct. 29: Introduction to terror war (cont.) **(First drafts due)**
Nov. 5: Detention and Trial of Enemy Combatants

Nov. 12: Detention and Trial of Enemy Combatants

Nov. 19: Torture

Dec. 3: Torture

Dec. 15: Final Papers Due.

Suggested paper topics:
  Presidential Signing Statements
  Criminal Searches of Congressional Offices
  Ethics and Executive Advisers
  Ethics Enforcement within Congress
  Political Supervision of US Attorneys
  Bush Administration Supervision of Regulation
  Repairing the Judicial Confirmation Mess
  The Future of Presidential Impeachment
  War Powers in the Twenty-First Century
  Foreign Policy Powers of Executive and Congress Today
  Executive Power in Domestic Matters
  NSA Domestic Surveillance
  A Selected Aspect of:
    Detention and Trial of Enemy Combatants
    Torture
    Law and Terror