

Learn and Do More

Thank you for tuning in with us to hear Pitt Chancellor Emeritus Mark A. Nordenberg and Duquesne President Ken Gormley discuss our country's legal framework, including the limits of executive power in a time of crisis. The following document provides resources mentioned during the interview and suggested action items.

Video References:

- President Gormley states that “[i]n times of crisis we make our biggest mistakes.” Check out the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Article “*Our country can make biggest mistakes in times of crisis*” to learn what that means for the U.S. during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Reference summaries for cases where the courts approved executive overreach.
 - Schenck v. United States*
 - Korematsu v. United States*
 - NSA surveillance program cases after 9/11*
- Reference summaries for cases when courts pushed back against executive overreach.
 - Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company v. Sawyer*
 - 9/11 enemy combatants*
- Learn about the *Rights Reserved to States or People*.
- Read about the struggle to protect individuals' constitutional rights during a public health crisis in *Jacobson v. Massachusetts*
- Grasp the state's police powers in *Lochner v. New York* where the plaintiff challenged a states right to limit work hours.
- Understand the recent litigation arising from Covid-19:
 - Philadelphia and Pittsburgh filed friends of the court briefs in *Friends of Danny DeVito, et al v. Wolf*.
 - In its decision the majority cited *Article 4, section 2 of the PA Constitution*.
 - Counties respond to Governor Wolf's decision to move only certain portions of the state into the yellow phase in *County of Butler et al v. Thomas W. Wolf et al*.

Take Action:

- Vote in the General Elections on November 3, 2020.
 - Request your Mail-in Ballot* by October 27, 2020.
 - Check your *voter registration* and *register to vote*
 - Find your *polling place*
 - Additional resources* for absentee and mail-in ballots
- Volunteer in your local community. Find an opportunity with *VolunteerMatch*.
- Support organizations addressing people's needs as a result of COVID-19. Check out *COVID-19 Top Nonprofits*.
- Engage in conversation with a friend or family member over the phone.
- As President Gormley said, “This isn't just about you. This is about other people and citizens.” Learn *how to make your own face mask* to keep everyone safe.

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