

**LEGAL STUDIES INSTITUTE**  
**SUMMER 2010**  
**“THE FEDERALIST UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONSTITUTION”**  
**SYLLABUS**

The Syllabus provides an approximate pace for readings, which is subject to adjustment as the class proceeds.

Text: Madison, Jay, Hamilton, *The Federalist* (The Gideon Edition; ed., Carey and McClellan), supplemented with references to Supreme Court cases appropriate to particular essays.

Pre-Class: C-Span video of Justices O’Connor, Breyer, and Scalia.

Day One: The Judiciary and a Bill of Rights:  
Essays Nos. 78 – 85, pp. 401-458, with emphasis on #78, 80 (p.411-414), 81, 82, (pp. 428-429); 84 (pp.442-448); 85 (pp. 455-458).

Day Two: Advantages of a More Perfect Union  
Nos. 1-14, pp. 1-67.

Day Three: Weaknesses of the Confederation; Powers of the Proposed Government  
Nos. 15-16, 23, 26,-28, 30-33, 36; pp. 68-80, 112-116, 126-139, 145-161, 172-179.

Day Four: Republicanism and Separation of Powers  
Nos. 37-39, 45-48, 51; pp. 179-208, 215-219, 224-225, 233-260, 267-272.

Day Five: The House of Representatives  
Nos. 52- 61, pp. 272-318

Day Six: The Senate  
Nos. 62-67, pp. 319-347.

Day Seven: The President  
Nos. 68-77, pp. 351-400.