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Columbia Human Rights Law Review
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George Mason University Civil Rights Law Journal
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Seton Hall Constitutional Law Journal
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http://topics.law.cornell.edu/wex/Constitutional_law

CRS Annotated Constitution, U. S. Supreme Court cases, Links to State Constitutions; Historical cases (700+) many of which are constitutional cases

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Extensive collection of primary and secondary sources

Exploring Constitutional Law, Douglas Linder, UMKC Law School

<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/Ftrials/conlaw/home.html>

Extensive collection of links to history, constitutional law cases

Constitutional Law Case Briefs

<http://www.4lawschool.com/conlaw/conlaw.htm>