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***On the cover:*** The tallest structure in the Americas, and the second tallest in the world, the KVLV-TV transmitter tower in Traill County, North Dakota. The structure is 2,063 ft (628.8 m) tall.

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# Editor's Notes

## NOTES ON THE EDITING OF CASES:

In editing these cases, my emphasis has been on readability and veracity. In places, I have strived for brevity, although I have generally not done so for the First Amendment cases.

***Profanity, epithets, and noxious material in cases:*** I have not edited out of these cases the facts, and that necessarily means that many of the First Amendment cases contain content that is profane and disturbing. I have not sought to delete epithets or other forms of profanity or indecency. Where omissions of certain words occur, those omissions are the court's not mine. For instance, the U.S. Supreme Court opinion in *FCC v. Fox Television Stations* notably omits profane words, even as it discusses them. By contrast, other, earlier U.S. Supreme Court opinions reproduce text at issue in the case even when that text is conspicuously appalling. I made the choice as casebook editor to let this compilation reflect the original editorial and authorial choices of the writing judges. The result is a fuller, higher-resolution, and more truthful picture of the crucible in which modern legal doctrine was formed, one which I believe is appropriate for graduate legal study, even as it is, at times, regrettably abhorrent.

***Editing marks:*** Because I think it is good for the reader to be able to get a sense of the relative fidelity of the edited version compared to the original, I have left the following editing marks in many places:

~ The superscript tilde denotes matter omitted, which might be of any type.

^ The superscript carat denotes matter omitted, limited to citation matter.

Other editing marks are the courts', and not mine.

***Edits without notation:*** Not every edit I made has been notated in the text. Here are general edits that I have made without leaving any annotation in the case text: Parallel citations have generally been removed without notation. Spaces have been added or deleted in cases where the observed style was unconventional and jarring. Italicization and bold weighting differs from the original without notation. Case names have generally been italicized, and Latin terms have generally been set in roman type. Long quotes have been made into blockquotes, and where quotation marks occurred around a blockquote, they may have been removed. Footnotes, where they appear here, have generally been renumbered. Official headnote references have been eliminated. In addition, I have sought to remove all indicia of additions to any text made by unofficial publishers. The typesetting of dashes has generally been standardized regardless of how it appeared in the original document.



