

Memorandum



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Alabama Mental Case	December 11, 1981

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Erwin Griswold sent the Attorney General a copy of his 1976 John Randolph Tucker lecture, entitled "Equal Justice Under Law" (reprinted at 33 Washington and Lee Law Review 813). Dean Griswold thought, correctly in my view, that much of what the Attorney General has been saying on judicial restraint echoed his own thoughts as set forth in the lecture. I found it interesting, and thought you might as well, that Dean Griswold chose as his example of excessive judicial intrusion our own Wyatt v. Stickney. I've attached the relevant passages.

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AAC