

GLOSSARY

For definitions, see “Glossary” of David M. O’Brien, *Constitutional Law and Politics: Civil Rights and Liberties*, W.W. Norton: New York, 2008, 1609-1615.

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Mandamus, writ of
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