

## HOW IMPORTANT IS CASE LAW?

Not as important as you may think. Lawyers and judges play a great shell game with case law with intent to create illusions that the position they are taking on an issue is supported by legal precedent and thus should be accepted as proof that "law" is on their side of the issue they are propounding.

There are citizens proceeding as their own counsel (that is, as pro se litigants), who knock themselves out trying to find examples of case law which will prove they have the law on their side. They Shepardize cases, just as they believe the lawyers do, then they find the lawyer opposing them counter thrusting with his own case law which, to them, seems clearly off point. Next, they are astounded to see the judge ignoring their examples of case law and ruling for the opposition and his "bad" case law grounds.

The Rule of Law is dependent on key principles which do not shift with the tides of politics and the ambitions of willful men. Case law must reflect this fact, but the truth about case law is that one can just as easily find reaffirmation of the key principles required for there to be respect for the Rule of Law in this nation as one can find courts treasonously slandering the Rule of Law. And so it happens, that one will find lawyers and judges using "bad" case law to slander and defile the Rule of Law in your individual case.

How important is case law in making your case or in having your case go against you? Not very much at all, once you understand that most case law arguments depend on illusions and deceptions of case law authority in order to succeed.

Regards,

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