LAW DAY 2017

THE 14TH AMENDMENT
TRANSFORMING AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

The Fourteenth Amendment has reshaped American law and society. By defining U.S. citizenship and through its due process and equal protection clauses, this transformative amendment advanced the rights of all Americans. It also played a pivotal role in limiting the states from abridging freedoms guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. Ratified during Reconstruction a century and a half ago, the Fourteenth Amendment serves as the cornerstone of landmark civil rights legislation, the foundation for numerous federal court decisions protecting fundamental rights, and a source of inspiration for all those who advocate for equal justice under law.

Join us over the next several days (weeks) as we dig deeper into the historic background, key clauses, civic principles, rights and protections associated with this year's Law Day theme, **The Fourteenth Amendment: Transforming American Democracy.**

Next installment: ***The 14th Amendment: Background Information/Historic Context***

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