

LAW651 Immigration Law

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Reading:

- Textbook: pp. 389- 427 (includes *Sessions v. Morales-Santana*, *U.S. v. Kim Wong Ark*)
- *Fitsemanu v. U.S.* Choose *one* of the amicus briefs filed with the Supreme Court on this pending case in May of 2022: <https://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/cases/fitsemanu-v-united-states/> Be prepared to discuss the 10th circuit holding, and the unique arguments raised in the brief you selected.
- “The Case Against Birthright Citizenship” – *The Wall Street Journal*, October 2018
- “Is Birthright Citizenship in the Constitution” – *The Atlantic*, October 2018
- “The History Behind the Birthright Citizenship Battle” – *The New York Times*, October 2018

Class Discussion/Activities:

We will review the history of citizenship laws in the U.S., including their historical context at the time. We will also discuss acquired citizenship and the Child Citizenship Act. Be prepared to discuss the meaning of birthright citizenship, its history in the U.S. and the arguments for and against it. Students should understand the arguments in *Kim Wong Ark*, *Morales-Santana* and *Fitsemanu* and be prepared to argue on different sides of the issues.