

## Resources

To help develop an oversight exercise or an entire course on oversight, here are some materials that may be of interest.

- Levin Center 5-10 minute online videos on how to do oversight: <https://law.wayne.edu/levin-center/online-tutorials>
- One-hour presentation on using Congressional investigations to effect change, with oversight basics and 3 case studies: <https://law.wayne.edu/levin-center/online-tutorials> (last video on the page)
- 22-page law review article with oversight basics, especially good for law students: [https://law.wayne.edu/levin-center/pdfs/accessible\\_levin\\_bean\\_final\\_format\\_sheridan\\_06-27-19.pdf](https://law.wayne.edu/levin-center/pdfs/accessible_levin_bean_final_format_sheridan_06-27-19.pdf)
- Short articles focused on an oversight moment in history:
  - “‘Lock me up’: The last man arrested for defying a congressional inquiry” (*Washington Post*, Dec. 3, 2019), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2019/12/02/lock-me-up-last-man-be-arrested-defying-congress-during-an-investigation/>
  - “How Congress got its power to investigate and subpoena” (*Washington Post*, March 12, 2019), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2019/03/11/grand-inquisitors-realm-how-congress-got-its-power-investigate-subpoena/>
  - “Target of the first congressional probe in U.S. history? George Washington, of course” (*Washington Post*, Jan. 19, 2019), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2019/01/19/target-first-congressional-probe-us-history-george-washington-course/>
- 20-page article describing a Senate investigation of the 2008 financial crisis: “*Investigating the Financial Crisis*” (2016), Elise J. Bean, [https://law.wayne.edu/levin-center/pdfs/accessible\\_financial\\_crisis\\_article-elise\\_bean\\_05-10-16.pdf](https://law.wayne.edu/levin-center/pdfs/accessible_financial_crisis_article-elise_bean_05-10-16.pdf)
- Books on congressional oversight, some with specific oversight case studies:
  - Congressional Oversight Manual* (1/16/2020), Congressional Research Service, RL30240, <https://fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL30240.pdf>
  - Financial Exposure: Carl Levin’s Senate Investigations into Finance and Tax Abuse* (2018), Elise Bean, <http://financialexposurebook.com/>

*When Congress Comes Calling: A Primer on the Principles, Practices, and Pragmatics of Legislative Inquiry* (2017), Morton Rosenberg, The Constitution Project, <https://archive.constitutionproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/WhenCongressComesCalling.pdf>

*Congress's Constitution: Legislative Authority and the Separation of Powers* (2017), Josh Chafetz, <https://yalebooks.yale.edu/book/9780300197105/congresss-constitution>

*Investigating the President: Congressional Check on Presidential Power* (2016), Douglas Kriner and Eric Schickler, <https://www.amazon.com/Investigating-President-Congressional-Checks-Presidential/dp/0691171866>

*The Art of Congressional Oversight: A User's Guide to Doing It Right* (Second Edition 2015) Project on Government Oversight, <http://www.pogoarchives.org/m/coi/pogo-the-art-of-congressional-oversight-handbook.pdf>

*A Season of Inquiry: The Senate Intelligence Investigation* (2014), Loch K. Johnson, <https://www.amazon.com/Season-Inquiry-Senate-Intelligence-Investigation/dp/0813153018>

*Congress Investigates: A Critical and Documentary History, Volumes I-II* (Revised edition 2011), Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies <https://www.amazon.com/Congress-Investigates-Critical-Documentary-2/dp/0816076790>

*Oversight: Representing the Interests of Blacks and Latinos in Congress*, (2011), Michael D. Minta, <https://www.amazon.com/Oversight-Representing-Interests-Latinos-Congress/dp/0691149267>

*Congressional Investigations and Oversight: Case Studies and Analysis* (2010), Lance Cole and Stanley Brand, <https://www.amazon.com/Congressional-Investigations-Oversight-Studies-Analysis/dp/1594606226>

*The Waxman Report: How Congress Really Works* (2009), former Congressman Henry Waxman, <https://www.amazon.com/Waxman-Report-Congress-Really-Works/dp/044651926X>

*Keeping a Watchful Eye: The Politics of Congressional Oversight* (1991), Joel D. Aberbach, <https://www.amazon.com/Keeping-Watchful-Eye-Congressional-Oversight/dp/0815700598>

*Men of Zeal: A Candid Inside Story of the Iran-Contra Hearings* (1989)  
former Senators William S. Cohen and George J. Mitchell,  
<https://www.amazon.com/Men-Zeal-Candid-Iran-Contra-Hearings/dp/0670822523>

- Materials on recent court cases adjudicating Congressional oversight issues, including 3 cases now before the Supreme Court: [oversightcases.org](https://oversightcases.org)
- Materials on state-level oversight: <http://stateoversightmap.org/> (interactive map and state-specific materials) and <https://law.wayne.edu/levin-center/additional-oversight-materials> (45-minute webinar)
- Other oversight materials: <https://law.wayne.edu/levin-center/additional-oversight-materials>