

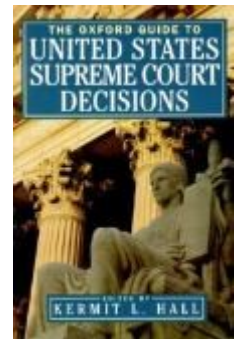
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The Oxford Guide to United States Supreme Court Decisions. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2009. 2nd ed.

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