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3ème semestre Licence parcours Droit et langue anglaise
CM 'Anglais juridique' – cours de Mme O'Connell

Choose **ONE** of the three following quotes and discuss it, in the light of this semester's course on the rule of law in Common Law jurisdictions.

“If citizens cannot trust that laws will be enforced in an evenhanded and honest fashion, they cannot be said to live under the rule of law. Instead, they live under the rule of men corrupted by the law.”

Dale Carpenter, *Flagrant Conduct: The Story of Lawrence v. Texas*

” If men were angels, no government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself ”.

James Madison, *Federalist Paper No. 51* (1788)

”There can be no free society without law administered through an independent judiciary. If one man can be allowed to determine for himself what is law, every man can. That means first chaos, then tyranny ”.

—U.S. Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, *United States v. United Mine Workers* (1947)

Your essay should ideally begin with a concise introduction highlighting the central issue to discuss as well as a brief overview of your plan.

You are also expected to illustrate your opinions with examples taken from the course or your personal readings, provided they are relevant to the case in point (Minimum 300 words).