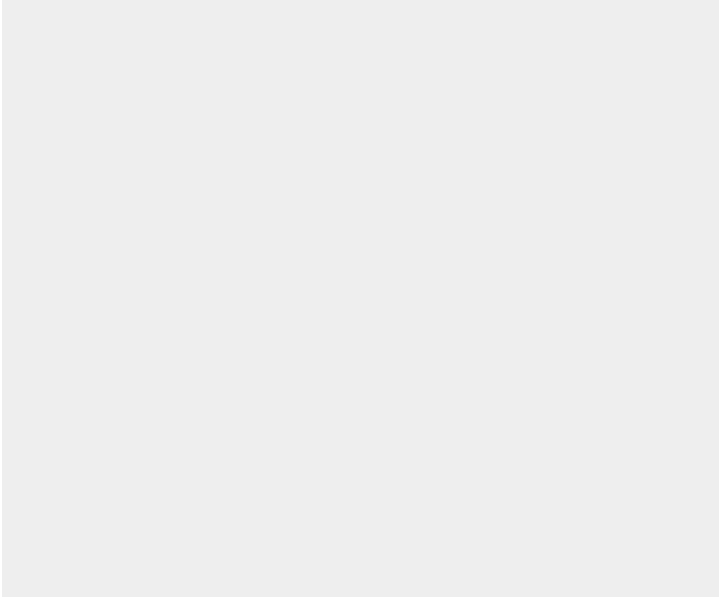


Unconstitutional-Conditions Doctrine Law and Legal Definition



Unconstitutional-conditions doctrine is a rule which describes that the government cannot condition a person's receipt of a governmental benefit on the waiver of a constitutionally protected right. For example, a television station receiving public funds cannot be forced to refrain from endorsing political candidates. This rule states that the government cannot force a person to choose between two constitutionally protected rights. Unconstitutional-conditions doctrine is also known as doctrine of unconstitutional conditions.