

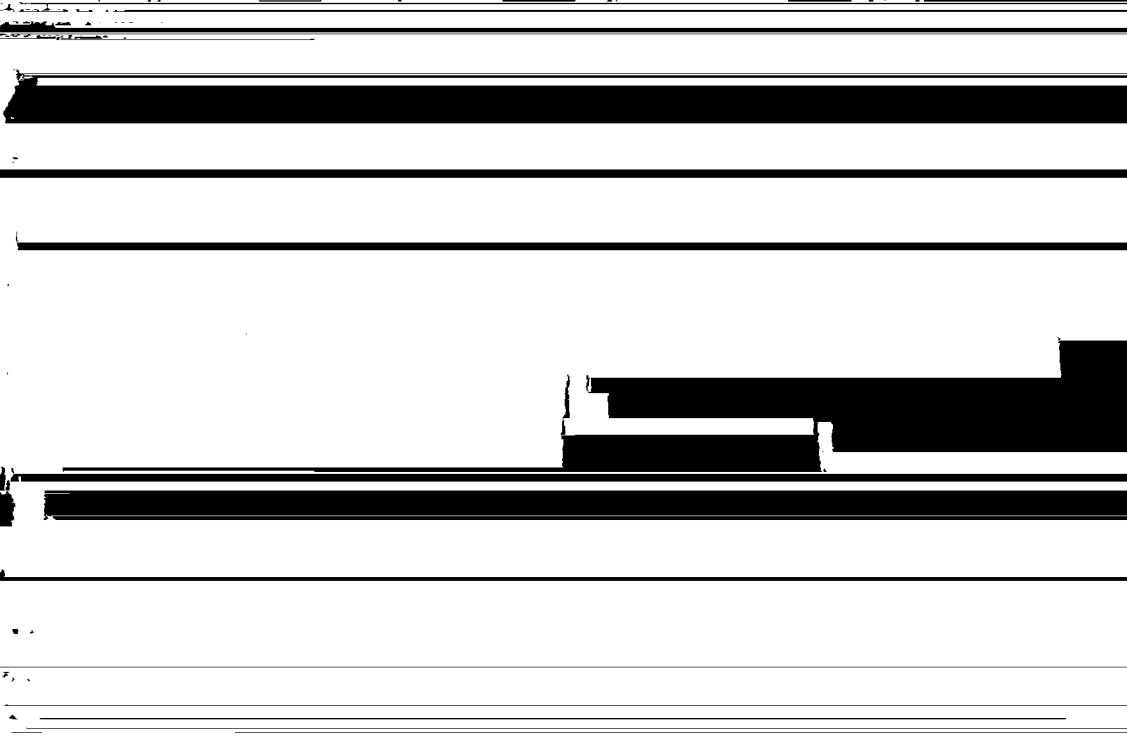
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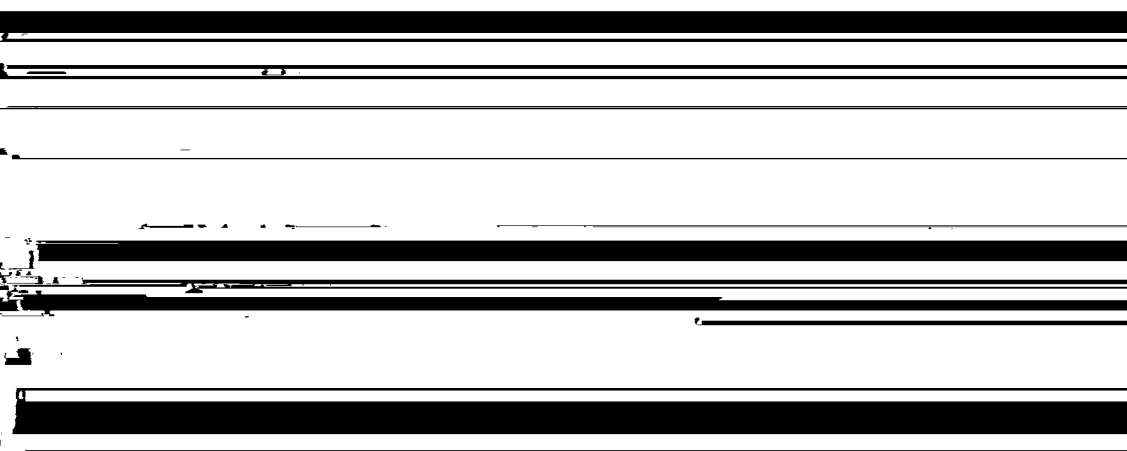
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points—some would say the excruciatingly fine points—of our



law is in fact developed and interpreted by all fifty state court systems as well as by the federal court system.

These basic facts about our judicial federalism indicate the need for some means to assure a consistent and uniform body of federal law among the state and federal courts. The goal of national uniformity rests on a fundamental principle: that a single sovereign's laws should be applied equally to all—a principle expressed by the phrase, "Equal Justice Under Law," inscribed over the great doors



dural rule constitutes an adequate and independent state ground for the state courts' rejection of the claim. The prisoner can overcome the bar to federal habeas consideration of his claim only by demonstrating some federal constitutional error. That is, the

restrictive waiver rules, once again, is federal respect for "the state's interest in the integrity of its rules and proceedings and the finality of its judgments."³⁸

The last aspect of federal habeas law I wish to mention is that

