# Introduction to the Study of Family Law

## Philosophy

- The Role of Family Law
- The Study of Family Law
  - Many Fields in One
  - Definitions
  - Good Faith of Arguments

## Subject Matter

- What Is Family?
  - Common Definitions of Family
  - A Statutory Definition Examined by the United States Supreme Court
    - *Moore v. City of East Cleveland*
  - The Dissenting Justices’ Approach to the Concept of Family
    - *Moore v. City of East Cleveland*

- State Laws
  - California Family Code Sections 297-297.5
  - California Family Code Sections 6200-6219
  - Code of Virginia—Juvenile and Domestic Relations
    - District Courts Section 16.1-228

- Federal Law
  - The Defense of Marriage Act
  - Defense of Marriage Act—1996
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