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Glossary

5th Amendment

The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution creates a number of rights relevant to both criminal and civil legal proceedings. As relates to this post, requires that “due process of law” be part of any proceeding that denies a citizen “life, liberty or property.”

14th amendment

The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified in 1868, granted citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States (including former enslaved people) and guaranteed all citizens “equal protection of the laws.”

DOMA

The Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was a federal law passed by the 104th United States Congress and signed into law by Bill Clinton intended to define and protect the institution of marriage. This law specifically defined marriage as the union of one man and one woman which allowed individual states to not recognize same-sex marriages that were performed and recognized under other states’ laws.

LGBTQ

An acronym for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer or questioning. These terms are used to describe a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity.