

Constitutional Law

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Judge, Politician, Bureaucrat: three arms
of tri-limbed monster, each a suited brother
protecting us from all the fears and harms
threatened by foreign monsters and each other.
Incredibly the doctrine's logic moots
fine surgery no doctor's seen before:
who judges, legislates or executes
must operate both on and under law.
On what law or is, or what law ought to be,
the voluble authorities are quiet;
but anarchists and democrats agree
no one should make, interpret and apply it —
no one create, decipher and administer
lest justly balanced brittleness be marred
by Cerberus' heads, un-chokechained, turning sinister
to maul the master they're employed to guard.