

THE BOTTOM END OF THE FOURTH AMENDMENT

Here's what self-confessed NEWB FISCR Judge Buzz Arnold said on what he claimed was his fourth day on the job (in reality it was several weeks in) during the hearing on the Yahoo challenge in 2008.

JUSTICE ARNOLD: The whole thrust of the development of Fourth Amendment law has sort of emphasized the watchdog function of the judiciary. If you just look at the Fourth Amendment, there's nothing in there that really says that a warrant is usually required. It doesn't say that at all, and the warrant clause is at the bottom end of the Fourth Amendment, and -- but that's the way -- that's the way it has been interpreted.

You know--that long tradition of "bottom end of the Fourth Amendment" jurisprudence?