Legislative Power and Function: Overview

Executive Branch
(The President)
Enforces the Law

A rticle I I , S ection 1:
The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America . . .

The U.S. Constitution

A rticle VI, S ection 2:
This Constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof, and all treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land: and the judges in every State shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding

Legislative Branch
(The Congress)
Makes the Laws

A rticle I , S ection 1:
All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States . . .

Judicial Branch
(The Supreme Court)
Interprets the Law

A rticle I I I , S ection 1:
The judicial power of the United States shall be vested in one Supreme Court, and in such inferior courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish . . .