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Case Gaps

Directions: Read the summary below and fill in each blank with the correct key term from the word bank.

Judicial Review

William Marbury

Supreme Court

Chief Justice John Marshall

Unconstitutional

President Thomas Jefferson

Commission

writ of mandamus

In 1803, (1) _____ went to court because he never received his official (2) _____ for a government job. He asked the (3) _____ to issue a (4) _____, which would force the government to give him the job. However, (5) _____ and his administration disagreed and did not want the papers delivered.

(6) _____ wrote the Court's decision, stating that although Marbury deserved the job, the law giving the Court the power to order it was (7) _____. This case established the important precedent of (8) _____, giving the courts the power to decide whether laws follow the Constitution.