

## **Checks & Balances**

Separation of Powers or Checks & Balances, refers to the division of government responsibilities into distinct branches to limit any one branch from exercising the core functions of another. The intent is to prevent the concentration of power and provide for checks and balances that are induced to share power. In 1787 the Constitution implemented Checks & Balances and divided the government into three parts. Legislative, Executive, and Judicial.