Record Nr. UNINA9910463095803321 Autore Kalt Brian C. <1972-> Titolo Constitutional cliffhangers [[electronic resource]]: a legal guide for presidents and their enemies / / Brian C. Kalt New Haven [Conn.], : Yale University Press, c2012 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-299-46354-1 0-300-17801-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (265 p.) Disciplina 342.73/062 Soggetti Presidents - Legal status, laws, etc - United States Executive power - United States Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Note generali Includes bibliographical references (p. 181-239) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- Preface -- Acknowledgments --Introduction -- 1. Prosecuting A President -- 2. The Presidential Self-Pardon Controversy -- 3. Removing A "Disabled" President -- 4. The Line Of Succession Controversy -- 5. Impeaching An Ex-President -- 6. The Third-Term Controversy -- 7. Getting Out Of Trouble -- Notes --Index The United States Constitution's provisions for selecting, replacing, and Sommario/riassunto punishing presidents contain serious weaknesses that could lead to constitutional controversies. In this compelling and fascinating book, Brian Kalt envisions six such controversies, such as the criminal prosecution of a sitting president, a two-term president's attempt to stay in power, the ousting of an allegedly disabled president, and more. None of these things has ever occurred, but in recent years many of them almost have. Besides being individually dramatic, these controversies provide an opportunity to think about how constitutional procedures can best be designed, interpreted, and repaired. Also, because the events Kalt describes would all carry enormous political

consequences, they shed light on the delicate and complicated balance

between law and politics in American government.