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Program

**Civil Rights & the Courts:
An Uncomfortable Union**

*A Look at the Triumphs and Failures of Significant
Cases that Shape America's Color Landscape*

Featuring

Honorable Joseph D. Johnson,
*District Court of Shawnee County,
Third Judicial District, Topeka, KS*

About Judge Joseph D. Johnson

Judge Johnson serves on the District Court of Shawnee County, Third Judicial District, in Topeka, Kansas. He came to the bench in 2005 as the first African-American to be appointed a judge in Shawnee County, Kansas. He was also the first black public defender in the State of Kansas. He is a graduate of Winston- Salem State University (NC) and KU Law School. For 30 years he practiced law both as a public defender and privately. Judge Johnson teaches at the National Criminal Defense College, the Trial Advocacy Institute and the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program.

SUGGESTED READING LIST

-BOOKS-

- Inherently Unequal
by Lawrence Goldstone
- From Jim Crow to Civil Rights
by Michael J. Klarman
- A Time to Lose
by Paul Wilson
- The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness
by Michael Alexander
- All Deliberate Speed
By Charles J. Ogletree, Jr.

-ARTICLES-

- 5 Constitutional Cases where Supreme Court Is Poised to Roll Back Civil Rights
By Steven Rosenfeld (Altnet 5-22-13)
- Supreme Court Poised to Declare Racism Over
By Adam Server (Mother Jones 2-27-13)
- 10 Racist Supreme Court Rulings
By Tom Head (About.Com 1-5-15)
- Report on the Scottsboro, Ala. Case
By Ms. Hollace Randall (ACLU 5-27-13)

-CASES-

- Hernandez v. Texas, 347 U.S. 475 (1954)
(14th Amendment applicable to Mexican Americans)
- Bolling v. Sharpe, 347 U.S. 497 (1954)
(Segregation in District of Columbia)
- NAACP v. Alabama , 357 U.S. 449 (1958)
(Privacy of Membership Lists)
- United States v. Raines , 362 U.S. 17 (1950)
(15th Amend., Civil Rights Act)
- Sweatt v. Painter , 339 U.S. 629 (1950)
(Univ. of Texas Law School)
- Powell v. Alabama, 287 U.S. 45 (1932)
(Scottsboro Boys)