



## **Brown Supreme Court Brief November 1952 Summary**

The District Court for Kansas heard a case that was filed to challenge the constitutionality of a state law that authorized racial segregation in Kansas public schools. The State of Kansas, the Governor, and the Attorney General for the State of Kansas all appeared and provided support for the State's position on the issue and the law was upheld.

The case was then appealed to the Supreme Court on the basis that the law was in violation of the equal protection rights provided in the Fourteenth Amendment. The State informed the Court that it did not intend to appear before the Court or provide a brief in support of its position on the issue. As a result, the Supreme Court requested that State to participate in oral arguments due to the important nature of the case. In addition, the Court asked the Attorney General for Kansas to advise the Court if failure to appear by the State indicated that the State agreed that the law was invalid.

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