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## **Case Analysis**

### **Brown v. Board of Education**

**Case Analysis Relevant Facts:** Representative-plaintiff Oliver Brown filed Brown v. Board of Education, a class-action lawsuit against the Topeka, Kansas school board. He was the parent of a child who was denied access to Topeka's white schools. Brown argued that Topeka's racial segregation was a violation of the "Constitution's Equal Protection Clause because the city's black and white schools were not equal to each other and never could be" (McBride, 2007). The federal district court dismissed Brown's claim stating that the "segregated public schools were "substantially" equal enough to be constitutional under the Plessy doctrine," which argued that "segregated public facilities were constitutional so long as the black and white facilities were equal to each other" (McBride, 2007). Brown then took his case to the Supreme Court. Then all the school segregation actions were reviewed together by the court. Fortunately for Brown, Thurgood Marshall, the first black justice of the Court, would be appointed in 1967 and become the chief counsel for Brown. The court later ruled that segregation of Black children from white schools was unconstitutional because it violated the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, which states that "no state shall make or enforce any law which shall ... deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws" (McBride, 2007).

**Legal Issue:** Whether Topeka's racial segregation is a violation of the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause.

**Opinion of the Court:** The federal district court ruled that "racial segregation of children in public schools violated the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment" (McBride, 2007).

**Reasons for the Court Opinion:** Because no state law should deny anyone equal protection who resides within its jurisdiction as it may affect their likelihood to succeed in life if they don't receive a good education.

## Reference

McBride, A. (2007). Brown v. Board of Education (1954). Retrieved on September 26, 2021, from [http://www.pbs.org/wnet/supremecourt/rights/landmark\\_brown.html](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/supremecourt/rights/landmark_brown.html)

Grade (A)/Comment: Your case analysis was excellent Nicole. The facts of the case were all there. The Reasons Section (#4) was very well stated Keep up your very good work. I like reading your submissions.