

Brown v. Board of Education

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George E.C. Hayes

Born: July 1, 1894

Died: December 20, 1968

Undergraduate Degree: Brown University, 1915

Law Degree: Howard University School of Law, 1918

Case argued: *Bolling v. Sharpe*



George E.C. Hayes graduated from Howard University School of Law in 1918 and returned in 1924 as an instructor. He had established a private practice in the District of Columbia, and continued to practice while teaching.

George E.C. Hayes was responsible for starting the oral argument of *Bolling v. Sharpe*, the case which originated in the District of Columbia. This case, along with four others would come to the U.S. Supreme Court at the same time and become known as *Brown v. Board of Education*.

In 1962, the District of Columbia Bar Association named Hayes to its board of directors, making him the first African American to hold office in that group.