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Lawyer with Attorney General's office in Kansas who helped prepare and present brief for Brown vs. Board of Education case.

DESCRIPTION: Background information on case; Kansas statute permitting segregation in elementary schools; Willis McQuery of Kansas Attorney General's office; court findings on effects of segregation; Wilson's duties at the Attorney General's office; similar case from South Carolina; NAACP; Virginia and Delaware cases; Wilson's oral arguments in Washington; separate but equal school facilities; Thurgood Marshall; re-argument of five points; the 14th Amendment; impact of Earl Warren's appointment; Justice Fred Vinson; Oklahoma and Texas law school cases; historical intent; legislative intent; the City of Topeka and desegregation; third round of arguments as amicus curiae; defense of human rights by the Court; Mapp vs. Ohio; the Burger Court.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Professor James Duram, June 19, 1970]