

MGTV Interview with Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr.

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Outline

- 0:00 Interviewer Bill Trevarthan introduces Chief Justice Young
 - 3:00 Chief Justice Young discusses his personal background
 - 6:15 Describes the responsibilities of the Michigan Supreme Court
 - 6:45 Outlines the history and purpose of Law Day
 - 9:00 Introduces U.S. Supreme Court case *Plessy v Ferguson* (1896), which declared “separate but equal” constitutional
 - 9:15 Recounts his personal experiences with segregation while traveling with his family as a boy in the 1950s–1960s
 - 12:30 Continues to discuss *Plessy v Ferguson*
 - 19:00 Describes modern judicial philosophies and how the *Plessy v Ferguson* decision fits within these two philosophies
 - 21:00 Continues to discuss the lead opinion and Justice Harlan’s dissent
 - 23:15 Outlines the impact of the decision
 - 26:15 Discusses how the Civil Rights movement of the 1950s–1960s and the rise of the black middle class helped to ease segregationist attitudes and practices
 - 28:10 End
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Further Resources

American Bar Association

Law Day

http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/initiatives_awards/law_day.html

Landmark Cases, Street Law

Plessy v Ferguson (1896) Lesson Plans and Resources

<http://www.streetlaw.org/en/Case.4.aspx>

Michigan Supreme Court

Biographies of the Justices

<http://courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt/AboutCourt/biography.htm>

Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center

<http://courts.michigan.gov/plc/>