

# SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

NOS. 8, 101 AND 191.—OCTOBER TERM, 1952.

Oliver Brown, Mrs. Richard  
Lawton, Mrs. Sadie Emmanuel  
et al., Appellants,  
8 v.  
Board of Education of Topeka,  
Shawnee County, Kansas,  
et al. } Appeal from the United  
States District Court  
for Kansas.

Harry Briggs, Jr., et al., Appel-  
lants,  
101 v.  
R. W. Elliott, Chairman, J. D.  
Carson, et al., Members of  
Board of Trustees of School  
District #22, Clarendon  
County, S. C. } Appeal from the United  
States District Court  
for the Eastern Dis-  
trict of South Caro-  
lina.

Dorothy E. Davis, Bertha M.  
Davis and Inez D. Davis, In-  
fants, by John Davis, Their  
Father and Next Friend, et  
al., Appellants,  
191 v.  
County School Board of Prince  
Edward County, Virginia,  
et al. } Appeal from the United  
States District Court  
for the Eastern Dis-  
trict of Virginia.

[October 8, 1952.]

PER CURIAM.

In two appeals now pending, No. 8, *Brown et al. v. Board of Education of Topeka et al.*, and No. 101, *Briggs et al. v. Elliott et al.*, the appellants challenge, respectively,

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the constitutionality of a statute of Kansas, and a statute and the constitution of South Carolina, which provide for segregation in the schools of these states. Appellants allege that segregation is, *per se*, a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. Argument in these cases has heretofore been set for the week of October 13, 1952.

In No. 191, *Davis et al. v. County School Board of Prince Edward County et al.*, the appellants have filed a Statement of Jurisdiction raising the same issue in respect to a statute and the constitution of Virginia. Appellees in the *Davis* case have called attention to the similarity between it and the *Briggs* and *Brown* cases; by motion they have asked the Court to take necessary action to have all three cases argued together.

This Court takes judicial notice of a fourth case, which is pending in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, *Bolling et al. v. Sharpe et al.*, No. 11,018 on that court's docket. In that case, the appellants challenge the appellees' refusal to admit certain Negro appellants to a segregated white school, in the District of Columbia; they allege that appellees have taken such action pursuant to certain Acts of Congress; they allege that such action is a violation of the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution.

The Court is of the opinion that the nature of the issue posed in those appeals now before the Court involving the Fourteenth Amendment, and also the effect of any decision which it may render in those cases, is such that it would be well to consider, simultaneously, the constitutional issues posed in the case of *Bolling et al. v. Sharpe et al.*

To the end that arguments may be heard together in all four of these cases, the Court will continue the *Brown* and *Briggs* cases on its docket. Probable jurisdiction is noted in *Davis et al. v. County School Board of Prince*

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*Edward County et al.* Arguments will be heard in these three cases at the first argument session in December.

The Court will entertain a petition for certiorari in the case of *Bolling et al. v. Sharpe et al.*, 28 U. S. C. §§ 1254 (1), 2101 (e), which if presented and granted will afford opportunity for argument of the case immediately following the arguments in the three appeals now pending.

*It is so ordered.*

MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS dissents from postponing argument and decision in the three cases presently here for *Bolling et al. v. Sharpe et al.*, in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.