

Judge Hayzel B. Daniels

Discussion Point: In November of 1953, Daniels argued successfully against segregation in the (Phoenix) Wilson Elementary School District in *Heard et al. v. Davis, et al.* Judge Charles C. Bernstein ruled in this case that segregation in public schools was an unconstitutional violation of the 14th Amendment. The U.S. Supreme Court used Bernstein's ruling to inform its landmark 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* decision.

- How do you think Daniels' work towards ending school segregation in Arizona in *Phillips, et al. v. Phoenix Union High School District* influenced the *Brown v. Board of Education* case?

Judge Hayzel B Daniels was a determined person with strong convictions and deep integrity. What evidence do you see of this in his early years? How do you think these early traits impacted his decisions as first a lawyer and later as a judge?

Judge Hayzel Burton Daniels was sworn in as the first African American municipal court judge (City of Phoenix) in the state of Arizona in 1965. Judge Daniels was described by Judge Cecil Patterson as a Judge who was well respected and who often provided sage advice to young lawyers appearing before him.

- What advice do you feel judge Daniels would have to offer to young jurists today?
- What advice do you think judge Daniels would offer to the courts of Arizona in regard to the difficulties and challenges faced today.