

PART THREE: The *Brown* Cases, 1950-1952

15. WHEREFORE, plaintiffs respectfully pray that upon the filing of this complaint, as may appear proper and convenient, the Court convene a three-judge court as required by Article 28, United States Code, Section 2281, 2284, advance this cause on the docket and order a speedy hearing on this action according to law, and that upon such hearing:

1. This Court adjudge, decree and declare the rights and legal relations of the parties to the subject matter here in controversy in order that such declaration shall have the force and effect of a final judgment or decree.
2. This Court enter a judgment or decree declaring that the policy, custom, practice and usage of defendants, and each of them, in denying on account of their race and color, to infant plaintiffs and other Negro children of public school age in Clarendon County, South Carolina, elementary and secondary educational opportunities, advantages and facilities equal to those afforded to white children is a denial of the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.
3. This Court enter a judgment or decree declaring that the policy, custom, practice and usage of defendants, and each of them, in refusing to allow infant plaintiffs, and other Negro children, to attend elementary and secondary public schools in Clarendon County, South Carolina which are maintained and operated exclusively for white children is a violation of the equal protection of the laws as guaranteed under the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.