

***Plessy v. Ferguson* / How the Case Moved Through the Court System**

Supreme Court of the United States

The Court upheld the Louisiana Supreme Court's decision that the Separate Cars Act was constitutional as long as there were separate but equal accommodations for White and Black people. It further stated that the legal distinction made by the act did not in any way destroy the legal equality of the two races.

Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)



Supreme Court of Louisiana

The Louisiana Supreme Court rejected Plessy's argument that Judge Ferguson's ruling should be overturned. The court affirmed the constitutionality of the Separate Car Act.

Ex parte Plessy (1892)



District Court for the Parish of New Orleans

Judge Ferguson of the District Court found Plessy guilty of not leaving the "Whites only" car when he was asked to. The court denied claim that the Separate Car Act was unconstitutional because Louisiana could regulate its railroad companies however it saw fit as long as equal accommodations were provided.

State of Louisiana v. Plessy (1892)