

*“With Liberty &  
Justice for All:  
A Celebration of  
Equity, Justice &  
Character In  
California”*

Commemorating the 50th  
Anniversary of Brown v. Board  
of Education

April 22nd, 2004  
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Sacramento, CA

**About the Film, *Separate But Equal***

George Stevens Jr., Producer and Director  
Artisan Entertainment - April 1991, Rated, PG

*Separate But Equal* traces the dramatic and very dangerous events leading up to the landmark 1954 Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, which recognized, for the first time, that segregated schools are unconstitutional.

This drama earned seven Emmy nominations and stars Sidney Poitier as Thurgood Marshall, and Burt Lancaster as opposing counsel John W. Davis. It offers an inspiring portrait of spiritual, moral and legal leadership. Despite death threats to himself and his family, the Rev. J.A. DeLaine, a southern black clergyman, convinces his students' parents to bring a case against the school board of South Carolina. Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel for the NAACP Legal and Education Defense Fund, displays unwavering and visionary moral leadership in his conception and handling of the case. Chief Justice Earl Warren, then recently appointed to the high court, uses his highly refined statesmanship and persuasion skills, methodically, to convince the other justices, one at a time, to join him.

*Separate But Equal* is a chilling and memorable movie that chronicles an inspiring, dramatic, and rapidly changing sequence of events which compelled the nine justices of high court to take the unprecedented step of voting unanimously to abolish the archaic oppressive doctrine of separate but equal.