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1950: U.S. SUPREME COURT decision outlawing the exclusion of AFRICAN AMERICANS from law schools on the basis of race.

Legal efforts to bring about integration of COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES forced the University of Oklahoma to admit African American students to its graduate school in the late 1940's. After admitting them, however, the university did everything it could to segregate them from white students in classrooms, dining rooms, and even libraries. This blatantly discriminatory behavior was challenged, and the case of *McLaurin v. Oklahoma State Regents* eventually reached the Supreme Court. On June 5, 1950, the Court unanimously ordered the university to desist from its actions and fully integrate its facilities.

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