

APPOINTMENT OF MR. JUSTICE MARSHALL.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1967.

Present: MR. CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN, MR. JUSTICE BLACK, MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS, MR. JUSTICE HARLAN, MR. JUSTICE BRENNAN, MR. JUSTICE STEWART, MR. JUSTICE WHITE, and MR. JUSTICE FORTAS.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

The 1967 Term of the Supreme Court of the United States is now convened, and thankfully with a full Court.

As was announced on June 12, 1967, the last day of the 1966 Term, Justice Clark retired after 18 years of distinguished service on the Court. While we still feel the loss of his wisdom and companionship, the felicitous reason for his retirement compels us to forgo the regret which we would otherwise have.

Happily, during the summer recess, the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, has appointed the Honorable Thurgood Marshall of New York an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court to succeed Justice Clark.

Justice Marshall has taken the Constitutional Oath administered by Mr. Justice Black. He is now present in Court. The Clerk will read his commission. He will then take the Judicial Oath, to be administered by the Clerk, after which the Marshal of the Court will escort him to his seat on the Bench.

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The Clerk then read the commission as follows:

LYNDON B. JOHNSON,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all who shall see these Presents, Greeting:

KNOW YE; That reposing special trust and confidence in the Wisdom, Uprightness, and Learning of Thurgood Marshall of New York, I have nominated, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that Office according to the Constitution and Laws of the said United States, and to Have and to Hold the said Office, with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining, unto Him, the said Thurgood Marshall during his good behavior.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made patent and the seal of the Department of Justice to be hereunto affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this thirtieth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-second.

[SEAL]

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

By the President:

RAMSEY CLARK

Attorney General.

The oath of office was then administered by the Clerk, and MR. JUSTICE MARSHALL was escorted by the Marshal to his seat on the Bench.

The oaths taken by MR. JUSTICE MARSHALL are in the following words, viz.:

I, Thurgood Marshall, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States

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against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.

So help me God.

THURGOOD MARSHALL.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 1st day of September, A. D. 1967.

HUGO L. BLACK,
Associate Justice.

I, Thurgood Marshall, do solemnly swear that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and to the rich, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States.

So help me God.

THURGOOD MARSHALL.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2d day of October, A. D. 1967.

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JOHN F. DAVIS,
Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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