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LDF Condemns Senate Judiciary Committee Vote on Judicial Nominees Vitter and Oldham

A week after the 64th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's unanimous decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted to advance the nominations of Wendy Vitter and Andrew Oldham, who each refused to endorse the Court's momentous ruling. [Todd A. Cox](#), Policy Director at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), provided the following statement:

“The refusal of Wendy Vitter and Andrew Oldham to endorse the Supreme Court’s unanimous decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* is a judicial dog-whistle and should be disqualifying. By advancing these unacceptable nominees a week after the 64th anniversary of the Court’s watershed ruling, members of the Senate Judiciary Committee denigrate the historic *Brown* decision – a central component of the legal canon. As Vitter and Oldham’s nomination move on to the full Senate, we call on Senators to stand up not just for civil rights, but for the rule of law. Supporting the *Brown* decision must be a prerequisite for a lifetime seat on the federal bench, and the Senate can make that clear by voting no on these unfit nominees.”

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