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Flag Outside New York NAACP Offices
The Young Thurgood Marshall
Heroic Efforts by Marshall and the NAACP

- Investigating lynchings, winning acquittals for wrongly accused black defendants.

- Pursuit of civil remedies on issues like voting rights and wage/hour discrimination.

- This legal work was undertaken at constant risk of physical harm to the brave attorneys who fought these battles.

Challenges to whether the “separate” facilities provided to blacks were in fact “equal” to those for whites.

Only the most extreme and transparently bad faith examples of unequal treatment were held unlawful.

The famous *Brown vs. Board of Education* case actually resulted in two separate decisions, one in 1954 on the wrongness of the “separate but equal” doctrine, and another in 1955 on the appropriate remedy for eliminating segregation in the public schools.

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