

Ben F. Johnson Oral History Project, 2006-2007

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Title: Ben F. Johnson Oral History Project, 2006-2007
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Abstract: CDs of interviews conducted by William B. Turner when he was a Feminism and Legal Theory Project visiting scholar and a visiting professor at Emory Law School 2006-2007.
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Benjamin Franklin Johnson, Jr. (September 30, 1914 – July 1, 2006) was a member of the Georgia State Senate from 1962 to 1969, Dean of the Emory University School of Law from

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1961 to 1973, and Dean of the Georgia State University College of Law from 1981 to 1985. He served as a Deputy Attorney General for Georgia from 1955 to 1961. Johnson was named the fourth Dean of the Emory Law School in 1961. In 1962 he served as co-counsel with Henry Bowden (Emory Law School's Chairman of the Board of Trustees) for the school's lawsuit to permit racial integration. The case of *Emory University v. Nash*, successfully challenged Georgia's law that denied state tax exemptions to integrated private schools. The result opened the way for Emory and other private schools to admit minorities without imperiling their tax-exempt status. From 1966 to 1972 Emory Law School ran a program called Pre-Start. The program was an affirmative action program that focused on Johnson's integration initiative for the school.

Scope and Content Note

CDs of interviews conducted by William B. Turner when he was a Feminism and Legal Theory Project visiting scholar and a visiting professor at Emory Law School 2006-2007. Persons interviewed are Emory Law School faculty members and alumni. Interviews concern the history of the racial integration of Emory Law School.

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1	7	CD, racial integration/pre-start interviews, 2007
1	8	CD, conducted by William Turner for the feminism and legal theory project of Emory university school of law, undated
