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## *Williams v. Brown*

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Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF  
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

March 23, 1979

RE: 78-357 - Williams v. Brown

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE:

At today's Conference Justice Blackmun indicated his vote to be "affirm." Justice Stevens indicated his vote to be "affirm." I will indicate my vote after I hear from Justice Powell pursuant to our discussion at Conference.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'WR', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF  
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

March 31, 1979

Re: 78-357 - Williams v. Brown

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE:

Since some may consider this case should be  
reargued with Mobile, if that is to take place,  
my present inclination is to affirm.

Regards,

LRB

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CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

October 30, 1978

No. 78-357 Moore v. Brown

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE

This is the Mobile, Alabama, case involving the restructuring of the school board.

On Friday, after our discussion at Conference, I entered an order staying the order of the district court pending action by this Court on the jurisdictional statement.

The Clerk's Office delivered to me (at 9:40 a.m.) the enclosed application for an order vacating my stay. I am requesting the Clerk also to send to each of you a copy of the application for a stay that was the basis of my order last Friday.

I have had no opportunity to consider the application filed this morning.

Although the application is addressed to me as Circuit Justice, the prayer is that the Court vacate my order of October 27. I will be happy to refer this to the Conference or, if a majority of you wish, I will act on it as Circuit Justice.

Sincerely,

*L. F. P.*

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Supreme Court of the United States  
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CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST


October 30, 1978

Re: No. 78-357 Moore v. Brown

Dear Lewis:

I would prefer to have you act as Circuit Justice on the motion to vacate the stay in the above-entitled case.

Sincerely,



Mr. Justice Powell

Copies to the Conference