



The Princeton Club of Charleston invites you to a speaking event

Judge Richard Gergel on J. Waties Waring and the Dissent That Changed America

U.S. District Judge J. Waties Waring was the son of a Confederate soldier but later became a hero of the civil rights movement, though he was vilified for his views.

In 1951, in a landmark school segregation case *Briggs v. Elliott*, Waring denounced segregation as an "evil that must be eradicated." In a forceful dissent, he wrote that segregation was "per se inequality." This made him the first federal judge to take that position on "separate but equal" since *Plessy v. Ferguson* in 1896. His dissent helped pave the way for the U.S. Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling in 1954.

U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel, who today presides in the same courtroom where Waring sat more than a half century ago, has done exhaustive research into Waring's life and career, poring over the rich trove of personal papers that Waring left behind.

- Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018
- Location: Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting Street
- Time: 5:30 pm, wine reception. 6:00 Presentation and Discussion
- Tickets: early-bird \$20 until March 23; regular price \$30 after March 23

Judge Gergel will present his research about Judge Waring at 6:00 pm. He will then be joined in a dialogue with Armand Derfner, one of the nation's leading civil rights lawyers. This discussion will be moderated by Chris Bryant, Director of Charleston Legal Access.

This event will explore the significant role Charleston has played in advancing Civil Rights in America.



Judge Waring



Judge Gergel



Armand Derfner, Esq



Chris Bryant, Esq.

For further information and tickets, go to
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