

“In the eyes of the law... the slave is not a person.”

*Virginia Supreme Court decision, 1858*

“An Indian is not a person within the meaning of the  
Constitution.”

*George Canfield  
American Law Review, 1881*

“The statutory word ‘person’ did not in these  
circumstances include women.”

*British Voting Rights case, 1909*

“The Reichsgericht itself refused to recognize Jews...  
as ‘persons’ in the legal sense.”

*German Supreme Court decision, 1936*

**“ The law of Canada does not  
recognize the unborn child as a  
legal person possessing rights. ”**

*Canadian Supreme Court  
Winnipeg Child and Family Services Case, 1997*

**Sometimes the most  
important lessons take the  
longest to learn.**