

Opinions C Prohibition Against References to Race

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Chief Justice Joseph Weintraub

I have recently had a letter from the Attorney General passing on a suggestion from the Director of the Division of Civil Rights that the courts in their opinions avoid any mention of race unless there is a cogent reason for so doing. I have advised the Attorney General that I would call the attention of all judges to this matter, although I pointed out to him that it was not always an easy matter to decide whether a reference to race is irrelevant and unnecessary. Will you please, however, keep this matter in mind and be alert to avoiding any unnecessary references to race? I am sure you can appreciate the importance of this.

EDITOR-S NOTE

No change has been made to the original text. Issues pertaining to race may now be brought to the attention of the Supreme Court Committee on Minority Concerns.