

Who?

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Answer: **WARREN BURGER**

The Court of Owls' machinations here are based on landmark decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court (and the justices on it) in the last 100 years. Each clue phrase can be answered with either a plaintiff or defendant, and are presented in chronological order by case. Once each case has been identified, match the lengths of the names to one of the rows of owl masks, and extract the letter at the red-eyed mask. (It is always taken from the unclued party in each case.)

VACCO v. QUILL
BROWN v. BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEMON v. KURTZMAN
REID v. COVERT
BAKER v. CARR
REYNOLDS v. SIMS
DIAMOND v. CHAKRABARTY
MIRANDA v. ARIZONA
GLOSSIP v. GROSS
ROE v. WADE
SOUTH DAKOTA v. DOLE
MORRISSEY v. BREWER
LOVING v. VIRGINIA
NEAR v. MINNESOTA
UNITED STATES v. BUTLER

The Chief Justice appointed next "AFTER EARL WARREN" is the answer, **WARREN BURGER**.

Author's Notes

Scott: I've had the idea of a Supreme Court puzzle in my head for a while, but struggled with a good presentation until I just said, "Whatever, list of clues it is." Still, some people really seemed to enjoy it, as simple as it ended up being.

Is using Earl Warren to clue Warren Burger an example of The Error That Cannot Be Named? You be the judge! (ha)