



# Historical Society of the District of Columbia Circuit

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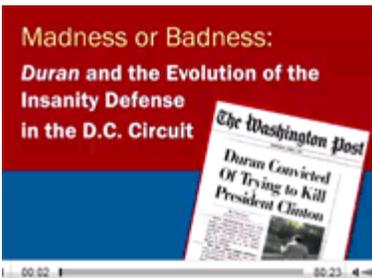
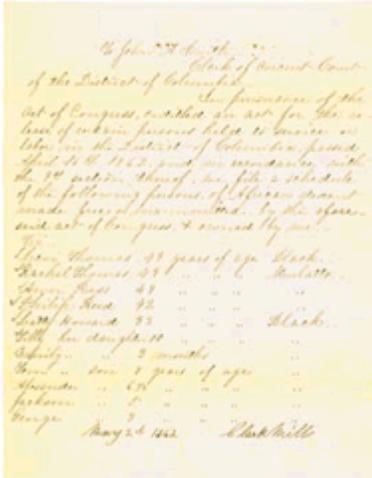
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## Of Historical Interest

– [Read](#) all about the dilemma the District of Columbia Federal Courts faced when President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Act outlawing slavery in the District of Columbia in 1862.

– [Learn](#) about the early history of the federal Exclusionary Rule.

– [Read](#) why one illustrious attorney decided against seeking a seat on the federal appellate bench.



## Madness or Badness: *Duran* and the Evolution of the Insanity Defense in the D.C. Circuit

[Listen and watch](#) as the two lawyers who argued the *Duran* case returned to Court to re-enact the closing arguments they made years ago in “Madness or Badness” – a program sponsored by the Society.



### **On display**

You can view a likeness of the portrait of Justice Wiley Rutledge in the corridors of the Courthouse. Justice Rutledge was the first member of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit to be elevated to the U.S. Supreme Court. The original portrait is on display in the U.S. Supreme Court.

