

“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 decision
Winnipeg Child and Family Services Case, 1997*

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