

IN THE MATTER OF GEORGE B. : No. 5 WM 2010
VASHON, DECEASED :

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PER CURIAM

This Court further recognizes that Mr. Vashon applied for admission to practice before the Allegheny County Bar in 1847 (which appears to have been a prerequisite to practice before this Court), but the examining committee refused to consider his application solely on the basis that he was African-American and therefore could not vote, noting that

the revision to the Pennsylvania Constitution of 1838 only extended voting rights to “every white freeman.” Such discrimination, of course, would be intolerable today.

In acknowledgement of Mr. Vashon’s credentials and achievements, this Court hereby admits George B. Vashon to the practice of law in the Courts of this Commonwealth posthumously. Furthermore, Wendell Freeland, Esquire, and the family members of George B. Vashon are hereby invited to be present at a session of this Court during which this Court will confirm its acknowledgment of George B. Vashon’s qualifications to practice law. The Prothonotary is instructed to contact counsel to make any desired and necessary arrangements so that the presentation can be made in open Court, during a convenient session of the Court.

It is so ordered.