

HAAS, DUNAWAY, SHELFER & HAAS

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

SUITE 601 HAAS-HOWELL BUILDING

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

July 11, 1963

TELEPHONE
JACKSON 1-1151

LEONARD HAAS
JOHN A. DUNAWAY
WM. S. SHELFER
GEORGE A. HAAS
JAMES B. PILCHER
HUGH F. NEWBERRY

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.,
City Hall,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Ivan:

I am writing you at the request of my wife, and
acknowledge I am glad to do so.

(1) Georgia Code, Sec. 52-101 reads as follows:

"Under the term 'inn' the law includes all taverns,
hotels, and houses of public general entertainment
for guests. All persons entertained for hire at
an inn are guests."

Georgia Code, Sec. 52--103 reads as follows:

"The innkeeper who advertises himself as such is
bound to receive as guests, so far as he can
accommodate them, all persons of good character
offering themselves, who are willing to comply
with his rules."

These Georgia Code Sections are codifications of
the common law which has been of force for more than a hundred
years both in England and in all the states of this country.

(2) With respect to the decisions of the Supreme Court
of Georgia holding unconstitutional an Ordinance of the City
of Atlanta which prohibits colored persons from occupying
houses in blocks where the greater number of houses are occu-
pied by white persons, I am giving you copies of two letters
which I wrote to Ralph McGill, one on December 12, 1960, and
the other on January 22, 1963.

July 11, 1963

You will note that in my letter of December 12th to Ralph, I mentioned that Richard B. Russell was of counsel for the petitioners who secured the ruling of the Court declaring the Ordinance unconstitutional. Ralph was of the opinion that the Richard B. Russell referred to as counsel for the negro must have been the father of Dick Russell, as it was decided in the year 1918. Ralph may be correct, I have no way of knowing.

Best wishes and more power to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leonard Haas". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Leonard Haas

LH:LPM

ENC.