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## PRESIDENT JOHNSON NAMES GARDNER TO D.C. BENCH EXTENDS HISTORIC RECORD OF APPOINTMENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 7 (Special) -- President Lyndon B. Johnson announced Monday the nomination of William C. Gardner, eminent Washington lawyer, as associate judge of the D. C. Court of General Sessions.

This appointment marks the eighth Negro lawyer appointed by the President to a judgeship in the District of Columbia. President Johnson also reappointed two other Negroes serving in the Court of General Sessions.

William Courtleigh Gardner, 49, is a graduate of Howard University and the Harvard Law School. A native of Springfield, Ohio, he first worked in Washington as a messenger and a clerk with Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Following his graduation from Harvard, he joined the firm of Houston and Waddy and distinguished himself in all phases of legal practice.

A Democrat and active in civic work, Gardner serves on the board of directors of the Neighborhood Legal Services Project, the Special Police Trial Board and the D.C. Hacking Appeals Board. He is a member of the American Trial Lawyers Association and the District and American Bar Associations.

Other distinguished Negro lawyers appointed by President Johnson to serve in the District of Columbia include: Judges Spottswood Robinson, William Benson Bryant, Aubrey Robinson, Joseph Waddy, Harry Alexander, Richard Atkinson and John Fauntleroy. Mrs. Marjorie Lawson, who was appointed to the Juvenile Court, resigned last year. President Johnson re-appointed Judges Andrew Howard and Austin Fickling to the Court of General Sessions.

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