# Arthur Chaskalson: A Champion of Equality in South Africa

Arthur Chaskalson was a South African lawyer and judge who played a pivotal role in the struggle for equality in South Africa. He was the first president of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, and he helped to draft the country's constitution. Chaskalson was a lifelong advocate for human rights, and he worked tirelessly to promote equality and justice for all South Africans.

#### Early life and education

Arthur Chaskalson was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1931. His parents were Jewish immigrants from Lithuania. Chaskalson attended the University of the Witwatersrand, where he studied law. He graduated in 1953 and began practicing law in Johannesburg.



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Chaskalson became involved in the anti-apartheid movement in the early 1960s. He joined the Liberal Party of South Africa, and he represented anti-apartheid activists in court. In 1964, he was arrested and detained for his involvement in the anti-apartheid movement. He was released after a few months, but he continued to be harassed by the apartheid government.

#### **Constitutional Court of South Africa**

In 1994, South Africa held its first democratic elections. The new government established the Constitutional Court of South Africa, and Chaskalson was appointed as its first president. The Constitutional Court is the highest court in South Africa, and it is responsible for interpreting the constitution and protecting human rights.

#### Legacy

Arthur Chaskalson died in 2012. He is remembered as one of the most important figures in the struggle for equality in South Africa. He was a tireless advocate for human rights, and he helped to create a more just and equal society for all South Africans.

Arthur Chaskalson was a true champion of equality. He dedicated his life to fighting for the rights of all South Africans, regardless of their race, religion, or sexual orientation. His legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

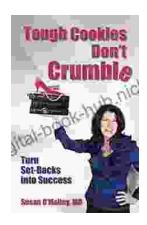


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