



*“Civil Rights And The Law”* From Behind And In Front Of The Bench

The Honorable DAMON J. KEITH

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

Judge Damon J. Keith, a consistently courageous defender of civil rights for all people, has served as the U.S. Court of Appeals Judge for the Sixth Circuit since 1977. His most notable cases have dealt with issues such as school desegregation, municipal and corporate affirmative action, and sex discrimination. His landmark, commonly referred to as the Keith Decision, was *United States v. Sinclair*, in which he found that President Nixon and Attorney General Mitchell could not engage in warrantless wiretap surveillance because it was in violation of the Fourth Amendment. Chosen as the National Chairman of the Judicial Conference Committee on the Bicentennial of the Constitution, Judge Keith was appointed by President George H.W. Bush to the Commission on the Bicentennial of the Constitution. He is the recipient of 37 honorary degrees and numerous awards and recognitions.



FEBRUARY 1, 2007

The Honorable Dennis Archer

SUPREME COURT JUDGE AND DETROIT MAYOR

Dennis Archer, a nationally recognized jurist and public servant, served two terms as mayor of the city of Detroit from 1994-2001, and as a Michigan Supreme Court judge from 1985 to 1990. Presently chairman of Dickinson and Wright, a Detroit-based law firm with more than 200 attorneys, Mr. Archer sits on the boards of several major corporations. Named Public Official of the Year by *Governing* magazine, Mr. Archer was president of the National League of Cities and a member of the Board of Trustees of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Noted internationally for his success in changing Detroit's image and direction, he was named one of the 25 most dynamic mayors by *Newsweek*, and one of the 100 most influential Black Americans by *Ebony*. He was the first person of color elected president of the American Bar Association and also of the State Bar of Michigan.



FEBRUARY 8, 2007

*“Weapons Of Mass Deception”* It Is Not Over Yet

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Lowery

CO-FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT EMERITUS, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

An historic icon of the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Lowery co-founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with its first president, Dr. Martin Luther King. Internationally acclaimed for “speaking truth to power,” he delivered eulogies at the funerals of both Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King. The pastor of United Methodist Churches in Mobile, Birmingham and Atlanta for nearly a half-century, Dr. Lowery served as vice president and board chairman of the SCLC until 1977, when he was elected its third president, a post he held for 21 years. For many years he was listed among *Ebony's* 100 most influential African Americans, and was twice named as one of the 15 greatest Black preachers. The first recipient of Boston University's Martin Luther King Award, he also was named the first recipient of the Walter Reuther Labor/ Civil Rights Award by Wayne State University. In 2001, Clark-Atlanta University established the Joseph E. Lowery Institute for Justice and Human Rights. He is co-founder of the Black Leadership Forum.



FEBRUARY 15, 2007

*“Contemporary Slavery”* In And Out Of The Church

The Rev. Dr. Charles G. Adams

PASTOR, HARTFORD MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dr. Adams, a graduate of the University of Michigan and Harvard University, has been invited as a guest preacher at many churches and synagogues, including the historic Riverside Church in New York City. He has addressed the United Nations, the General Assembly for the World Council of Churches, and the National Council of Churches. He is past president of the Progressives National Baptist Convention and has served as president of the Detroit chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He is well known as a dynamic preacher and an innovative leader in faith-based economic development, providing resources to serve the poor. A prolific writer, Dr. Adams has been published in scholarly journals and newspapers.



FEBRUARY 22, 2007

*“A Chronicle Of The King Years”* A Trilogy Of Struggle

Mr. Taylor Branch

AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN

Taylor Branch, a celebrated author and chronicler, has recently completed an heroic project, spending 24 years writing *America in the King Years*, a three-volume narrative history of the United States during 1954-1968, a focal point in the struggle for civil rights. The first volume, *Parting the Waters*, published in 1988, won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Non-Fiction and the Pulitzer Prize for History. The second volume, *Pillar of Fire*, made its debut in 1998 and won the American Bar Association Silver Gavel Award and the English-Speaking Union Book Award, among others. Simon and Schuster published the third volume, *At Canaan's Edge*, in early 2006 to widespread critical acclaim. Mr. Branch's previous books include a novel, *The Empire Blues* (1981) and *Second Wind* (1979) about the life of Boston Celtics star Bill Russell. Born in Atlanta, he lives in Baltimore. The recipient of a five-year MacArthur Foundation Fellowship in 1991 and the National Humanities Medal in 1999, he is at work on a memoir of the Clinton presidency.