

V I T A E

James E. Graves, Jr.

EDUCATION

DOCTOR DEGREE OF JURISPRUDENCE

Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, New York

- Member, 1979 National Appellate Team
- Finalist, Northeast Regional National Appellate Competition
- Semi-Finalist, National Appellate Competition
- Finalist, 1979 Northeast Regional Frederick Douglass National Moot Court Competition
- Member, Moot Court Board
- Member, Law Student Senate
- Member, Black American Law Student Association
- Participant, Intramural Basketball, Volleyball, Football

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

*The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs
Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York*

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi

- President, Millsaps College Black Students Association (MBSA)
- Recipient of MBSA award as most outstanding Student
- Member, Chaplains Committee; Participant, Intramural Basketball

HONORARY DEGREE: DOCTOR OF LAWS

Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi

EMPLOYMENT

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Mississippi Supreme Court, Jackson, Mississippi

2001 - PRESENT

- Appointed by Governor Musgrove in 2001
- Elected in 2004

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR **2005**
Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi

- Department of Sociology, (Subject: Law and Society)
- Department of Political Science, (Subject: Law and Society)

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR **2004**
Tougaloo College, Jackson, Mississippi

- Department of Journalism, (Subject: Media Law)

CIRCUIT JUDGE **1991-2001**
Hinds County Circuit Court, Jackson, Mississippi

- Appointed by Governor Mabus in 1991
- Elected in Special Election on September 17, 1991 (received more than 77% of votes cast)
 - Re-elected 1994 and 1998 (Unopposed)

DIRECTOR **1990 - 1991**
*Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Child Support Enforcement
Jackson, Mississippi*

- Responsible for a statewide staff of eight hundred thirty-five people, including approximately eighty attorneys and a budget of over thirty-six million dollars (\$36,000,000)

SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL **1986 - 1990**
Office of the Attorney General, State of Mississippi, Jackson, Mississippi

LEGAL COUNSEL **1989 - 1990**
Human Services Division, Attorney General's Office, Jackson, Mississippi

- Chief legal counsel for Mississippi Department of Human Services
- Served as head of the division and supervised a staff of six attorneys and two secretaries

LEGAL COUNSEL **1986 - 1989**
Health Law Division, Attorney General's Office, Jackson, Mississippi

- Represented the Mississippi Department of Health, Mississippi Children's Rehabilitation Center, Mississippi Board of Pharmacy and Mississippi Board of Cosmetology
- Handled diverse federal and state court matters involving numerous state agencies, boards and departments

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY 1984 - 1986

Walker and Walker, Attorneys at Law, Jackson, Mississippi

- General practice of law with an emphasis on personal injury and worker's compensation litigation

PARTNER 1983 - 1984

Murrain and Graves, Attorneys at Law, Jackson, Mississippi

- General practice

STAFF ATTORNEY 1980 - 1983

Central Mississippi Legal Services, Jackson, Mississippi

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR 1980 - 1997

Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi

- Department of Mass Communications, (Subject: Media Law)
Fall 1980 - Spring 1982; Spring 1985 - Spring 1997
- Department of Political Science, (Subject: Civil Rights Law)
Spring 1990
- Department of Public Policy & Administration, (Subject: Black Perspectives in Public Administration)
Spring 1996
- Department of Public Policy & Administration, (Subject: Correctional Systems)
Spring 1995

CLERK 1978 - 1979

Department of Community Development, Syracuse, New York

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Summer, 1978

Department of Parks and Recreation, Syracuse, New York

STUDENT INTERN Fall Semester, 1974

Community Legal Services of Mississippi, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi

ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY HONORS AND AWARDS

- NAACP Legal Award, Mississippi Chapter, 2004
- Livesay Service Award, Millsaps College, 2004
- Law-Related Public Education Award, Mississippi Bar Foundation, 2002
- Humanized Education Award, Mississippi Association of Educators, 2002
- Special Achievement Award, Jackson Federal Executive Association, 2002

- Thurgood Marshall Award, City of Jackson's Martin Luther King Celebration, 2002 and 1994
- Parent of the Year (First Alternate) State of Mississippi, 2000-2001
- Parent of the Year, Jackson Public School District, 2000-2001
- Commissioner's Award, United States Department of Health and Human Services, 2001
- Innovation Award, Hinds County Bar Association, 2000
- Government Service Award, Magnolia Bar Association, 1998 and 1993
- Distinguished Jurist Award, National Bar Association, 1996
- R. Jess Brown Award, Magnolia Bar Association, 1994
- Community Service Award, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, 1993 (Judge Graves is not a member of any greek organization)
- Alumnus of the Year, Millsaps College Black Students Association, 1993
- Judge of the Year, National Conference of Black Lawyers, 1992
- Champion Adopter, Mentor in Lake Elementary Schools - Boys for a Brighter Tomorrow Program, 1991

LECTURES, SEMINARS AND KEYNOTE ADDRESSES (SELECTED)

- Keynote Address, International Reading Association, San Antonio, TX, 2005
- Commencement Address, Meridian Community College, Spring 2005
- Keynote Address, Mississippi Juvenile Justice Association, 2005
- Keynote Address, Mississippi Child Support Association, 2005
- Keynote Address (Motivational), Leon County School District, Tallahassee, FL 2005
- Panelist, Role of African American Judges in the Legal System, Stanford Law School, 2005
- Presenter, Haley Barbour Inaugural Lecture on Civic Virtue, Mississippi Humanities Council, 2004
- Commencement Address, Millsaps College, Spring 2002
- Commencement Address, Jackson State University, Summer 2002
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Journalism, Media Law, Tougaloo College, 2004
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science and Department of Sociology, Law and Society, Millsaps College, 2005
- Presenter, "Cameras in the Courtroom," Trial Judges, Prosecutors, Journalists, and Court Administrators Conferences, 2003
- Jurist-in-Residence, Syracuse University College of Law, 2003
- Panelist, Politicizing the Judiciary, Stanford Law School, 2003
- Presenter, We The People Lecture on the U.S. Constitution, Mississippi State University, 2003, 2004, 2005
- Panelist, Courtroom Etiquette and Decorum, Jackson Young Lawyers, 2002
- Panelist, Courtroom Etiquette and Decorum, Magnolia Bar Association, 2002
- Speaker, Diversity in the Workplace, United States Department of Agriculture, 2002
- Panelist, Litigation Survival Tactics In The Courtroom, Summer School for Lawyers, sponsored by The Mississippi Bar, Destin, Florida, 2001
- Presenter, Technology in the Courtroom, Mississippi Judicial College, Jackson, Mississippi, 2001

- Presenter, Technology in the Courtroom, Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association, Biloxi, Mississippi 2000
- Presenter, Technology in the Courtroom, Mississippi Judicial College, Jackson, Mississippi, 2000
- Presenter, Insurance Litigation, Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association, Jackson, Mississippi, 2000
- Presenter, Technology in the Courtroom, American Trial Lawyers Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2000
- Presenter, Technology in the Courtroom, Hinds County Bar Association, Jackson, Mississippi 1999
- Teaching Team Member, Trial Advocacy Workshop, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003
- Presenter, Improving Trial Skills, Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association, Jackson, Mississippi, 1998
- Presenter, Workshop on Re-Inventing Government, 100 Black Men of America, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1998
- Judge, We the People Competition, Washington, D.C., 1997, 1998
- Presenter, Workshop on Violence Prevention Strategies, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Washington, D.C., 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Mass Communications, Media Law and Ethics, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi, 1980-1982, 1996-1998
- Speaker, Safe Schools Rally, Alton, Illinois, 1996
- Presenter, Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Workshop on Domestic Violence, Jackson, Mississippi 1996
- Presenter, Ethics for Lawyers, Magnolia Bar Association, Jackson, Mississippi 1996
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Public Policy and Administration, Graduate Level: Correctional Systems, Black Perspectives in Public Administration, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi, 1995-1996
- Presenter, Mississippi Bar Association, Mississippi Youth Summit on Violence, Jackson, Mississippi 1995
- Presenter, Anti-Violence Seminar (Domestic Violence), NAFEO, Washington, D.C., 1995
- Speaker, Youth Crime Summit, City of Jackson, Mississippi 1995
- Presenter, Ethics for Lawyers, American Trial Lawyers Association, Maui, Hawaii, 1995
- Presenter, Ethics for Lawyers, Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association, Jackson, Mississippi 1995
- Presenter, Improving the Effectiveness of Counsel: A Perspective from the Bench, American Trial Lawyers Association, New York, New York, 1995
- Presenter, Southern Regional Victim Assistance Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana 1995
- Presenter, Violence Prevention Workshop, National Conference on Strategies by Historically Black Colleges and Universities to Prevent Violence in African-American Communities, Charleston, South Carolina, 1994
- Presenter, Magnolia Bar Association, Views from the Bench, Biloxi, Mississippi 1994
- Presenter, 100 Black Men of America National Convention, Workshop on Violence Prevention Strategies, Nashville, Tennessee, 1994
- Volunteer Teacher, Brinkley Middle School, The Economics of Staying in School, Jackson, Mississippi 1992-1994

TELEVISION APPEARANCES

- Statewide Live, “Cameras in the Courtroom,” A Panel Discussion, Mississippi Educational Television, 2003
- Statewide Live, “Government in Mississippi,” A Panel Discussion, Mississippi Educational Television, 2002
- Bill Moyers Reports: Trading Democracy, Public Affairs Television, 2002
- A Black History Month promotional honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, 2002, Local UPN Affiliate
- Digital Discovery, A Fred Friendly Seminar hosted by Harvard Law Professor, Charles Nesson, University of Mississippi Law Center, 2001
- Judges and Journalists, A Fred Friendly Seminar hosted by Harvard Law Professor, Arthur Miller, Public Television, 2000

PUBLICATIONS

- The Judges’ Journal (American Bar Association), Spring 2004, Article Entitled “Brown v. Board of Education: A Look Back”
- The Mississippi Lawyer, October 2001, Article Entitled, “Technology in the Courtroom - Changes in Hinds County”
- The Judges’ Journal (American Bar Association), Summer 2001, Article Entitled, “Technological Changes in Hinds County”
- The Mississippi Lawyer, May-June 1999, Article Entitled, “The Big Case: A Perspective From the Bench”

MAGAZINES ARTICLES

- Jet Magazine, December 6, 2004
- Jet Magazine, December 3, 2001

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- Chair, Courts and the Media Committee, Mississippi Supreme Court, 2001- present
- Chair-Elect, National Conference of State Trial Judges, 2001
- Vice-Chairman, National Conference of State Trial Judges, 2000
- Member, Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Trial Judges* 1994 – 2001
- Chairman, Law and Technology Committee, National Conference of State Trial Judges
- Delegate, American Bar Association on behalf of the Mississippi Conference of Circuit Judges, 1993-2001

- Chairman, Anti-Violence Committee, 100 Black Men of America, 1994-1996
- Millsaps College Alumni Advisory Council, 2000 – 2002
- President, Wingfield Place Neighborhood Association, 2000 – 2002

**The National Conference of State Trial Judges is an organization within the Judicial Division of the American Bar Association.*