DONALD L. HOLLOWELL
FOOT SOLDIER FOR EQUAL JUSTICE

a documentary chronicling the achievements of legendary
civil rights attorney Donald L. Hollowell

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I finished law school the first Friday in June 1960. The Monday morning after I graduated, I went to work for Donald Hollowell for $35 a week. I was his law clerk and researcher, and I carried his briefcase and I was his right-hand man. He taught me how to be a lawyer, a leader, how to fight injustice. Whatever I have become in the years, I owe it to him in large measure.
— Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.

I have been a member of the faculty of the University of Georgia for more than 25 years. My tenure here was made possible because of the courage, commitment, and brilliance of Donald Hollowell. Therefore, I am personally and professionally committed to continuing Mr. Hollowell’s legacy as a champion for the cause of social justice.
— Maurice C. Daniels
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

To commemorate and continue the legacy of Donald L. Hollowell, one of our nation’s greatest advocates for social justice, the University of Georgia approved the establishment of the Donald L. Hollowell Professorship of Social Justice and Civil Rights Studies in the School of Social Work.

Donald L. Hollowell was the leading civil rights lawyer in Georgia during the 1950s and 1960s. He was the chief architect of the legal work that won the landmark *Holmes v. Danner* case, opening the doors of the University of Georgia to two black students–Hamilton Holmes and Charlayne Hunter. Hollowell represented prominent civil rights leaders, such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, and scores of other civil rights activists. Hollowell’s brilliant legal work advanced many civil rights causes, including equal access to public education, public accommodations, health care, voting rights, and the right of blacks to serve on juries.

In preparing for the formal announcement of the Hollowell Professorship, the School of Social Work—with support from the University of Georgia President’s Venture Fund—will present the premiere screening of *Donald L. Hollowell: Foot Soldier for Equal Justice*, a documentary produced for public television by the Foot Soldier Project for Civil Rights Studies. This distinguished, invitation-only premiere will be held on April 15, 2010, 6:00 p.m., at the Woodruff Arts Center in Atlanta.

Mr. Hollowell’s actions have already improved the lives of generations of Americans. We ask that you consider becoming a sponsor for the *Donald L. Hollowell: Foot Soldier for Equal Justice* premiere screening. Proceeds from the screening will benefit the Hollowell Professorship of Civil Rights Studies.

Best Regards,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Esq.
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About the Film

*Donald L. Hollowell: Foot Soldier for Equal Justice* chronicles the achievements of the legendary civil rights attorney, Donald L. Hollowell. Narrated by Peabody Award-winning journalist Charlayne Hunter-Gault, this documentary traces Hollowell’s groundbreaking work as Georgia’s chief civil rights attorney during the 1950s and 1960s. Highlights of the film include his service as lead counsel in the landmark case that led to the desegregation of the University of Georgia, his legal victory that won the release of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., from the Reidsville State Prison, and the historic case of Preston Cobb, a 15-year-old black youth who was sentenced to die in Georgia’s electric chair.

Some of the interviewees telling the story of Hollowell’s transformative legal work include Julian Bond, Federal Judge William A. Bootle, Federal Judge Constance Baker Motley, Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Congressman John Lewis, Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, Federal Judge Horace T. Ward, and Ambassador Andrew Young. The documentary includes rare footage from Hollowell and his wife Louise T. Hollowell, and extensive archival footage.

This documentary is the fourth installment developed by the Foot Soldier Project for Civil Rights Studies. Other films include: *Horace T. Ward: Foot Soldier for Equal Justice, Parts I and II*, and *Hamilton Earl Holmes: The Legacy Continues*.

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*The Foot Soldier Project for Civil Rights Studies, a partnership with the Russell Library for Political Research and Studies at the University of Georgia, is dedicated to chronicling Georgia’s rich history in the Civil Rights movement.*

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Documentary Premiere Screening
April 15, 2010
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The Donald L. Hollowell Professorship of Social Justice and Civil Rights Studies in the School of Social Work at the University of Georgia will continue the legacy of one of our nation’s greatest advocates for social justice. The person chosen for this position will:

- Advocate for social and economic justice for individuals, families, and communities

- Educate and prepare leaders and scholars who will be instrumental in the elimination of oppression and inequality

- Research, study, and disseminate information and scholarship on the civil rights movement, social justice and reform, and policy-related issues

- Collaborate with the Foot Soldier Project for Civil Rights Studies to advance civil rights scholarship while contributing more broadly to enhancing local and national discourses on diversity and equity
Martin Luther King, Jr., had been jailed at Reidsville for a very low-level offense, and Reidsville is one of our high security prisons. So that in itself was suspect. But Donald Hollowell utilized his legal brilliance, and used the law as the tool for social justice in getting that conviction of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., overturned. And then flew to Reidsville to have Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., freed, and walked out of Reidsville with him. That was a very powerful portrayal of two of the great leaders.

— Judge Thelma Wyatt Cummings Moore, Fulton County Superior Court

Dr. King would not have been released unless there was some legal action taken to release him. And the legal action that was taken to release him was the habeas corpus petition that Horace Ward and Donald Hollowell prepared and fought.

— Attorney Howard Moore, Jr., Moore & Moore Law Firm

The kids used to say: “King is our leader. Hollowell is our lawyer. We shall not be moved. King is our leader. Hollowell is our lawyer. We shall not be moved.”

— Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, Co-Founder, Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Photographs

Front Cover
Top: Donald L. Hollowell as 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Left to Right: 1) Mr. Hollowell with Charlayne Hunter, Hamilton Holmes, and Althea Hunter. 2) Mr. Hollowell with Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. 3) Mr. Hollowell with Horace T. Ward and Constance Baker-Motley. 4) Mr. Hollowell receives an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Georgia conferred by President Michael Adams.

Above
Left to Right: 1) Mr. Hollowell and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 2) Mr. Hollowell and Rev. Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy leave Reidsville State Prison with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Back Cover
Top to Bottom: 1) Mr. Hollowell with Austin T. Walden (left) and Horace Ward. 2) Mr. Hollowell with Presidential Candidate Jimmy Carter. 3) Hamilton Holmes (foreground) leaving UGA after registering in 1961, accompanied by Mr. Hollowell (right).
What you should know is that [Don Hollowell’s] legacy is what we are all living today, whether in the South or the North or in places beyond our borders, like South Africa, where people loving freedom came to grow, inspired in part by our victories in America.

— Charlayne Hunter-Gault, former CNN Bureau Chief and Correspondent, Johannesburg, South Africa

He was one of the few lawyers who stepped up and used the Constitution as a way to say, “Let my people go.”

— Judge Marvin S. Arrington, Fulton County Superior Court

Donald Hollowell was one of an extraordinary band of civil rights attorneys throughout the South who helped end legal apartheid. He was a skilled and powerful advocate for justice whose work has had a lasting impact on our nation. I am proud that he was my lawyer during the sit-in movement in Atlanta and a stellar Spelman College trustee for many years.

— Marian Wright Edelman, President and Founder, Children’s Defense Fund

Hollowell really dedicated himself to the civil rights struggle. He took on some bizarre cases over the state where the civil rights of blacks were flagrantly violated. He worked 16-hour days on these cases. We felt that with his dedication and commitment, that we could take on all the battles that we had to.

— Jesse Hill, Jr., President and CEO (Retired), Atlanta Life Financial Group

Hollowell and these others advanced justice and freedom. They really helped make democracy work by chipping away, case by case, plaintiff by plaintiff, school by school, to knock down this evil system of institutionalized, legalized racial separation.

— Julian Bond, Chairman of the Board, NAACP

I don’t think it would be too much to suggest or to say that these lawyers should be looked upon as the founding fathers and mothers of the new America. What they have done is they helped free, and they helped liberate...not just African Americans and not just people in the South, but all people.

— Congressman John Lewis, Georgia’s 5th District

As a student at Morehouse, I came down to see the court proceeding. There was Donald Hollowell, flamboyant, eloquent, knowledgeable, competent. I could just see myself being a Donald Hollowell. As a result of that single experience, I decided that I wanted to become a lawyer. I am a judge today because of Hollowell’s efforts.

— Honorable John Ruffin, Chief Judge, Georgia Court of Appeals (Retired)