

Curriculum vitae
Wiley A. Branton

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Present Position: Director, VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT of
the Southern Regional Council, Atlanta

Added 11/19/63: Executive Director
Council for United Civil Rights Leadership
and Committee for Welfare, Education
and Legal Defense, Inc.*

The Voter Education Project is a special program of the Southern Regional Council, engaged in research relating to the causes for low registration of voters in eleven southern states. This is a cooperative effort, with participation by the Congress of Racial Equality, NAACP, National Urban League, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, as well as many local organizations.

Date of Birth: December 13, 1923

Place of Birth: Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Education: Public Schools, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
AM and N College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
School of Law, University of Arkansas,
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Family Status: Married to the former Lucille McKee of
Memphis, Tennessee; six children

Armed Forces Experience: 3½ Years, U.S. Army, World War II -
Far Eastern Theater - Honorable Dis-
charge

Religion: Baptist

Organizations: 32nd Degree Mason (Prince Hall)
Rahman Temple of Shrine
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
Sigma Pi Phi Boule
NAACP

Legal Qualifications: Admission to practice before the
following courts:

Supreme Court of Arkansas
U. S. District Courts of Arkansas
U.S. Court of Appeals (8th Circuit)
Supreme Court of the United States

Supreme Court of Georgia
U.S. Dist. Court for the N'thn Dist. of Ga.
Georgia Court of Appeals
Superior Court, Fulton County, Georgia

Bar Associations: Wonder State Bar Association (Arkansas)
Gate City Bar Association (Atlanta)
National Bar Association
American Bar Association
American Judicature Society

Legal Experience: Engaged in private practice in Pine
(Also see attached) Bluff, Arkansas, from 1952 to 1962.

Outstanding Awards: C. Francis Stratford Award by
National Bar Association, Chicago, 1958

Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award,
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Cleveland,
Ohio, 1958

Democratic Minority Conference Award,
Los Angeles, California, 1959

Arkansas Conference NAACP Award,
for outstanding legal work in the
field of civil rights, 1958

Cited by Life Magazine as one of the
100 most important young men and
women in the U.S., September 14, 1962

* The Committee for Welfare, Education and Legal Defense (WELD)
is primarily a program to assist in the financial support
of three tax exempt agencies, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational
Fund, Inc., National Urban League, and the Educational Fund
of the National Council of Negro Women.

The Council for United Civil Rights Leadership includes the
above three organizations as well as the Congress of Racial Equality,
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People,
Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Student
Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Its principal function
is to coordinate and help focus the efforts of the participating
organizations, while each retains full autonomy and continues
to pursue their own objectives.