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A LEGEND IN HIS OWN TIME

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Born in New Haven, CT; in March 23, 1919, Earl Carl learned at an early age opportunities exist to those who are prepared for them. Though he was blinded as a young child, he still believed that anything was possible through tenacity and persistence. He often cites his parents as the guiding force behind much of his accomplishments.

After completing undergraduate study at Fisk University, Carl decided he would like to serve society as a practicing attorney. He studied law at Yale University and eventually received both the J.D. and LL.M. degrees. With infrequent socializing, hard work, seriousness and discipline, Carl achieved success as a law student despite obstacles. His achievements were not only recognized by the Yale faculty, fellow students, and the media, but also by the President of Texas Southern

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Attorney Samuel Milledge

University. Consequently, the University hired Carl, and he

became distinguished as one of the first law professors at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

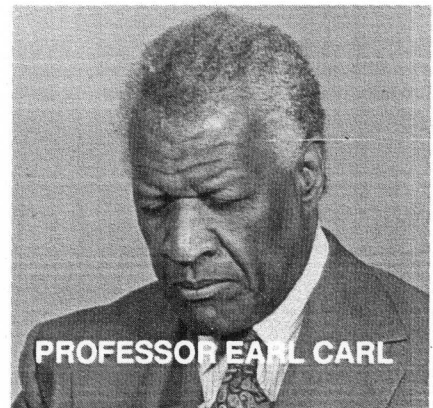
As a noted professor, Dr. Carl always instilled in students A blueprint for success inside and outside the classroom. He advocated that to be successful in law school, a student must work hard, study, and believe in oneself and in the law school. "He was demanding but not mean. When you spoke to him you learned a lot," said Dean Douglas, of Thurgood Marshall School of Law. "He was one of the best law professors we have ever had, everyone will testify to that." Furthermore, Professor Carl always affirmed the need to keep the goal within the individual in good times and in bad times."

Attorney Samuel Milledge, a former student of Carl, asserted, "I used to sit in class for knowledge even though I had finished his courses. He tried to get us to think and to understand the concepts." Milledge added, "Professor Carl would give you a touch of reality in class. He is a master of dealing with people." It was such a philosophy that influenced the likes of Attorneys Otis King, Stanley Mays, Donald Hill, and Dean James Douglas.

Even after retiring, the eminent professor has always kept the home spirit within. He has devoted countless hours to make TSU law school, law students, and the community what it ought to be. Carl stated,

"To keep the TSU home community spirit alive means to help make sacrifices when necessary to improve the school's conditions." In addition, he encourages students to publish law publications.

As a law professor and practicing attorney, Professor Carl practiced and taught his students the value of becoming a skilled attorney with attributes of honesty and integrity. He believes that minority attorneys can become skilled attorneys with attributes of honesty and make a difference by preparing themselves academically.



Clearly, Professor Carl's commitment to excellence for the Thurgood Marshall School of Law makes him an eminent figure to emulate. He displays that TMSL Spirit!

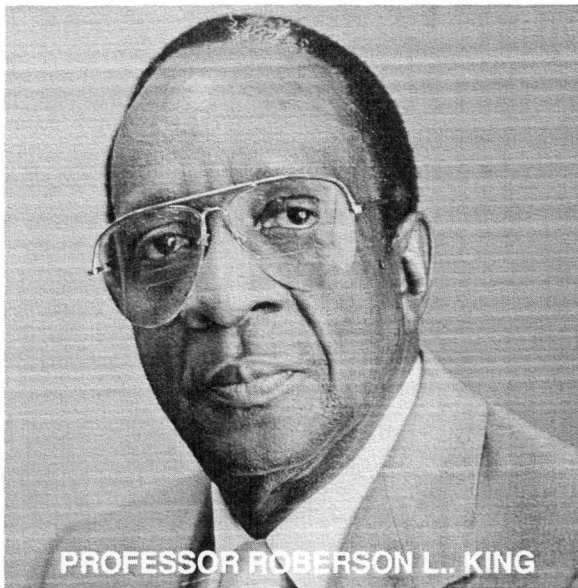
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Roberson L. King is a legend in his own time. Known in the legal profession as one of its most prominent lawyers, his work has helped thousands to make Houston and America a better place to live.

King has practiced for more than 30 years and has also served as a professor at Thurgood Marshall School of Law for more than 25 years. As a professor of Civil Procedure, Evidence, and Labor Relations Law, he always instilled in his students what he believe: the value of hard work, discipline, and a conscious effort to do the very best one can do. Professor King explained, "I tried to teach the law as it existed with emphasis on how to bring about a better change. I would teach my students how to analyze the facts and then they possessed the power to do what is necessary."

A Native Texan, King, grew up wanting to be a doctor like his father. He believes it was the strong support of his family and teachers that helped him excell in class. Upon completion of high school, he chose Bishop College and later Lincoln University for his undergraduate degree in Sociology. It was in college that Roberson King decided to further his studies in law school. Although called to serve his country, King did not let that stop him from earning a law degree from the University of Chicago. He credits this institution for helping him specialize in research and labor law.

Labor Law became King's most appealing area of the law. This is quite evident since he taught this subject in law school and practiced it in the Houston community. Furthermore, through hard work and perseverance, King played a vibrant part in desegregating labor unions in the Houston area. Although many assert that a glut of attorneys exist, King still believes there is a need for "sharp"



PROFESSOR ROBBERSON L. KING

attorneys. He asserts, "There is still a great need for black lawyers because strides for better change can accrue through the legal works." In addition, King also contends, "There is a strong need for environmental lawyers and other attorneys who can secure the attention of the public on issues that can make society better."

However, King, believes that to produce good attorneys there must be a strong demand

by supportive alumni. He notes that true alumni spirit means reaching back to help others. This process can only happen if the relationships between students' experiences and school administrators are on one accord.

For the future success of law students, Professor King stresses the need for hard work and a lot of cooperation from students and the school administration. He says, "Success for law students means achieving goals which endure principles of analysis, discipline, and high quality of learning. You must put your brains to work.

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