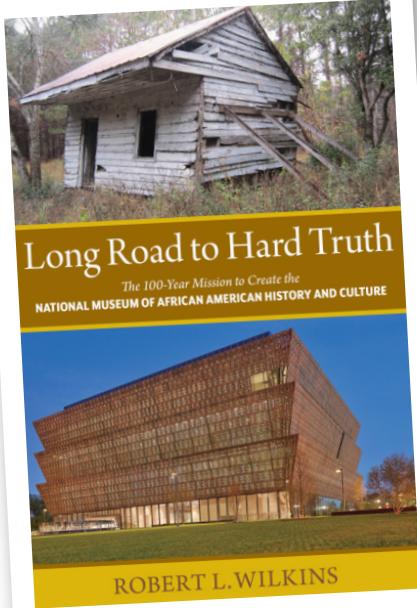


The ABTL Proudly Presents

Trial of a Lifetime - The Hon. Robert L. Wilkins Shares How He Applied His Renowned Trial Skills to Help Ensure the Construction of the National Museum of African American History and Culture

ABTL is honored to invite you to an evening with the Honorable Robert L. Wilkins of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.



Books may be pre-ordered and paid for when registering online for \$19.99 for hardback and \$11.99 for paperback (advance purchase only). Books may also be purchased (cash or check only) at the door for \$26.99 + tax for hardback and \$14.99 + tax for paperback. Any registrations which include the pre-order purchase of the book must be made no later than Friday, February 14, 2017.



Judge Wilkins will discuss his significant role in the 100-year effort to establish the Smithsonian National Museum of African

American History and Culture, which recently celebrated its grand opening in September 2016 to great fanfare. In his book *Long Road to Hard Truth: The 100-Year Mission to Create the National Museum of African American History and Culture*, Judge Wilkins chronicles the efforts of advocates beginning 50 years after the end of the Civil War, and he tells the story of how his own obsession and sacrifice, along with critical bipartisan support, helped ensure that the Museum became a reality.

Judge Wilkins' storied legal career began at Harvard Law School, where he met the future President and First Lady of the United States, Barack and Michelle

Obama. After law school, Judge Wilkins flew across the country to San Diego to serve as a law clerk to the Honorable Earl B. Gilliam United States District Court for the Southern District of California. In 1990, he joined the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and during his time there he served as the lead plaintiff in *Wilkins, et al. v. State of Maryland*, a landmark "driving while Black" civil rights lawsuit that inspired nationwide legislation and reforms related to police stop and search practices and the reporting of such practice. In 2002, he joined the law firm of Venable LLP as a partner and was recognized as one of the "90 Greatest Washington Lawyers of the Last 30 Years" by the *Legal Times* in 2008. On December 27, 2010, Judge Wilkins was appointed United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, where he served until his 2014 appointment to the D.C. Circuit.

DETAILS

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2017

TIME: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. cocktails; 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. dinner and program

PLACE: The Westin San Diego, 400 W. Broadway, San Diego, CA

COST: ABTL Members \$65; Non-Members \$85; Judicial/Public Sector
\$40; Parking \$10

REGISTRATION: http://abtl.org/sd_022817.htm

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