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A COMMUNICATION FROM BEVERLY DANIEL TATUM, PH.D., PRESIDENT, SPELMAN COLLEGE, TO MUNICIPAL CLERK RHONDA DAUPHIN JOHNSON:

SUBMITTING THEIR APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE BRENDA HILL COLE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE APPEAL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ATLANTA STUDENT MOVEMENT.

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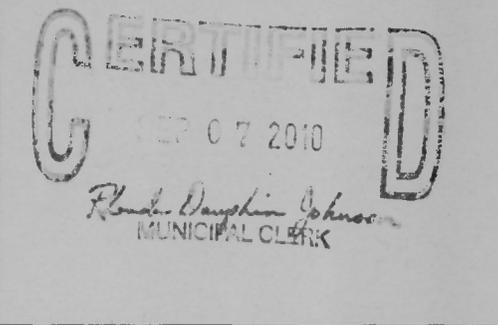
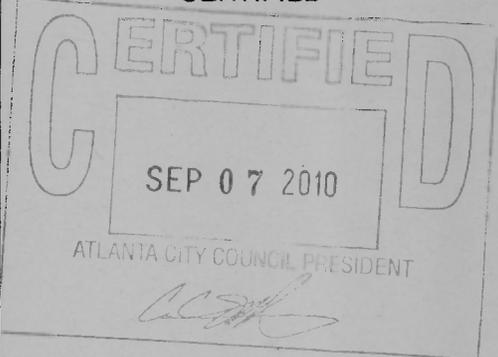
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July 26, 2010

The Atlanta City Council  
c/o Rhonda Dauphin Johnson  
Atlanta Municipal Clerk  
55 Trinity Avenue, S.W.  
Suite 2700  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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Dear Ms. Johnson:

I am pleased to submit this letter recommending the appointment of Judge Brenda Hill Cole to The Committee for the Appeal for Human Rights and The Atlanta Student Movement in the City of Atlanta, which is being created by resolution of the Atlanta City Council.

While at Spelman College, from 1959 to 1963, Brenda Hill Cole was among the Atlanta University Center student leaders who began a movement for human rights that brought about positive social change in Atlanta, and ultimately influenced the national non-violent movement for equal rights for American citizens. Core to the legacy of The Atlanta Student Movement is "An Appeal for Human Rights" a full-page advertisement published in the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* on March 9, 1960, that forced the city of Atlanta to take a careful look at its civil rights practices at the time. Fifty years later, in March of this year, Brenda Hill Cole, a judge in the State Court of Fulton County, served as Co-Chair of the official week-long celebration commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Appeal for Human Rights. In doing so, she led an initiative that brought the stalwarts of The Atlanta Student Movement of 50 years ago together with students, and the Atlanta and national communities, to positively impact the present and future pipeline of forward-thinking, socially conscious civic, social and industry leaders.

Accompanying this correspondence are Judge Cole's biographical statement and a link to the website created to highlight the March 2010 events commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Appeal for Human Rights and The Atlanta Student Movement.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions as you review this recommendation for appointment. I can be reached at 404.270.5003 or [btatum@spelman.edu](mailto:btatum@spelman.edu).

Sincerely,

Beverly Daniel Tatum, Ph.D.

## **Brenda Hill Cole**

Brenda Hill Cole was appointed as Judge of the State Court of Fulton County on August 5, 1998, and was elected to three subsequent terms.

A native of Texas, Judge Cole was valedictorian of Weldon High School in Gladewater, Texas. She attended Spelman College in Atlanta, where she achieved many honors and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She also earned a master's degree in Library Science at Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University), and received a Juris Doctorate degree from Emory University in Atlanta.

After her admission to the State Bar of Georgia, Judge Cole began her law career as an Assistant Attorney General in the Fiscal Affairs Division of the Georgia State Law Department, a position she held for five years. After moving to West Virginia, she was employed as counsel for the West Virginia Department of Corrections in Charleston, West Virginia and was admitted to the West Virginia State Bar. Judge Cole served as Assistant Attorney General in the Tax Division of the West Virginia Attorney General's Office, and as Deputy Attorney General of the West Virginia Environmental and Energy Division.

After returning to Atlanta, Judge Cole rejoined the Georgia State Law Department, serving first as Assistant Attorney General for the Environmental Division, then, Senior Assistant Attorney General, heading the Business and Professional Regulations Division, and later was named Deputy Attorney General, the first African-American woman to serve in that position.

Judge Cole was honored by the YWCA as a Woman of Achievement and by the Atlanta Business League as one of the Top 100 Black Women of Influence. She is a

member of Leadership Atlanta and she was also recognized by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Kappa Omega Chapter, as a Leader of Distinction. She received Spelman College's 2001 Alumnae Achievement Award in Business and Law and Emory University's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2004. Judge Cole received the Horace T. Ward Legacy Award from the Gate City Bar Association Judicial Section in 2006 and in 2009 was inducted into the Gate City Bar Hall of Fame.

Judge Cole has been the featured speaker on numerous occasions, including: Women in Longview Day, Longview, Texas; Martin L. King, Jr., Memorial Service, Andrew College, Cuthbert, Georgia; Gladewater Texas Chamber of Commerce; Social Security Administration, Women's Equality Day Program; Department of Veterans Administration, Women's History Month Program; Charleston, WV Links, Women's History Month Program. She was a panelist at the Possible Woman Leadership Conference in 2000, 2001 & 2004 and the 2006 Commencement speaker at Wiley College, Marshall, Texas where she received the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. She was the Fall 2009 Commencement Speaker at Clayton State University and in May 2010, she received the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center and Gammon Theological Seminary.

Judge Cole is a member of several boards, including: Gammon Theological Seminary, Emory University Law Advisory Board and the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers Advisory Board. She was the first African-American woman to serve as President of the Council of State Court Judges and previously served as a member of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism.

Judge Cole is the founder of the Clark Atlanta University Guild, an organization

which provides scholarships for arts and humanities students at Clark Atlanta University.

Her professional memberships include the American Bar Association, the Lawyer's Club of Atlanta, the Gate City Bar Association, the Atlanta Bar Association, the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers, the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys and the National Bar Association. She is a founding member of the Judicial Section of the Gate City Bar Association and participates in that Section's reading program for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys at Perkerson Elementary School.

She is a member of Cascade United Methodist Church where she sings in the chancel choir. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Links, Inc., Chautauqua Circle and Chums, Inc.

Judge Cole is married to Dr. Thomas W. Cole, Jr., Interim President of the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia and President Emeritus, Clark Atlanta University. They are the parents of Thomas III and Kelley S. Graham and grandparents of Ava Margaret Graham.

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