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CHICAGO LAWYERS' COMMITTEE
FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW, INC.

Invites you to the
39th Annual Meeting

Wednesday, July 23, 2008

11:30 a.m. — Reception

Noon — Lunch

Hilton Chicago
Continental Ballroom
720 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60605



39th Annual Meeting

Keynote Speaker

Eva Paterson

President of the Equal Justice Society



Eva Jefferson Paterson has campaigned for civil rights with passion, courage and tenacity for more than three decades. Paterson is the President and a founder of the Equal Justice Society, a national organization dedicated to changing the law through progressive legal theory, public policy and practice. Paterson and the Equal Justice Society played a pivotal role in the broad coalition that decisively defeated Proposition 54 in California. The dangerous, divisive measure would have banned the collection of racial and ethnic data by any state agency, thus making it virtually impossible to track and document race discrimination or to bring civil rights suits to court. She was a leading spokesperson for the “No on 54” Campaign.

Prior to taking the helm of the Equal Justice Society in 2003, Paterson directed the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. Paterson co-founded and chaired the California Coalition for Civil Rights for 18 years, and was a leading spokesperson in the campaigns against Proposition 187 (anti-immigrant) and Proposition 209 (anti-affirmative action) and numerous other statewide campaigns against the death penalty, juvenile incarceration and discrimination against lesbians and gay men.

Paterson grew up in a military family in France, England, and southern Illinois. As a junior at Northwestern University, she became the first African American president of student government. As a 20-year-old student leader at a time of turmoil, Paterson was catapulted into the national spotlight when she debated then Vice President Spiro Agnew on live television. Dubbed the “peaceful warrior” for fostering non-violent protest in the aftermath of the 1970 shooting of student demonstrators at Kent State University, she was named one of *Mademoiselle’s* “Ten Young Women of the Year,” featured on the covers of *Ebony* and *Jet*, and called to testify before Congress. Following her graduation from U.C. Berkeley’s Boalt Hall School of Law, she worked for the Legal Aid Society of Alameda County and co-founded A Safe Place, a shelter for battered women in Oakland, California.

Paterson has received more than 50 awards, including the Fay Stender Award from the California Women Lawyers, Woman of the Year from the Black Leadership Forum, the Earl Warren Civil Liberties Award from the ACLU of Northern California, and the Alumni Award of Merit from Northwestern University. She has been described as “one of California’s most brilliant lawyers,” and was named as one of its top 25 lawyers by the *San Francisco Chronicle* in 2002. “By all accounts, Paterson is the civil-rights leader of the Bay Area,” wrote the *Chronicle*.



Awards



**2008 Corporate Leadership Award:
Aon Corporation**

**2008 Pro Bono Award:
Howrey LLP**

**Outstanding Young Lawyer of 2008:
W. Bryan Lytton, Latham & Watkins LLP**

**Special Recognition of Civil Rights Activist and Historian:
Timuel D. Black, Jr.**



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- Table of 10 — \$1,200 x ____ (how many tables) Public interest or government employees \$60
- Per Person — \$120 x ____ (how many tables) I am unable to attend. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____ as a contribution to advance the work of the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights.

