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**JUSTICE FRED L. BANKS, JR.**  
**MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT**

## DEDICATION

Justice Fred L. Banks, Jr., is the pinnacle of a trailblazer. As the authors in this Issue highlight with great detail and care, he has devoted his life to leaving this world better than he found it.

For over five decades, Justice Banks has been a pioneer for civil rights on both the state and national levels. He was born in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1942 and returned to his home state after earning his Juris Doctorate from Howard University School of Law in 1968. Throughout his colorful career, Justice Banks has engaged in civil rights litigation during a turbulent period in Mississippi's history, was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives as one of the pioneer African American legislators, served as a circuit court trial judge and the second African American Justice on the Mississippi Supreme Court, has been actively involved with and led the NAACP, and much more. He is currently a senior partner in the Jackson office of Phelps Dunbar, where he counsels clients and continues to do pro bono work in civil rights cases.

In 2021, Justice Banks received the Mississippi Bar's Lifetime Achievement Award—an accolade that recognizes lawyers who have made significant contributions to the American justice system and the legal profession.

Volume 40 of the *Review* is proud to dedicate this Issue to Justice Fred L. Banks, Jr. It is my hope that all who read will learn of the substantial impact he has made as an attorney, legislator, and judge, and the positive influence he has had as a friend, mentor, husband, and father.



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