

Judge Paul B.
Handy

*The Federal Bar Association – Maryland Chapter
presents*

'Let Freedom Ring'

*A play featuring a cast of notable local judges, with
opening remarks by Chief Judge Catherine C. Blake of the
U. S. District Court for the District of Maryland and a
panel discussion moderated by Fox News' Ted Williams*



*February 12, 2015, 6 pm
United States Courthouse
Reception to follow*

Cast

HON. SHEILA R. TILLERSON ADAMS
ABBEY HAIRSTON, ESQ
HON. GEORGE J. HAZEL
HON. WANDA HEARD
HON. MARCELLA HOLLAND
HON. LARNZELL MARTIN, JR.
HON. JOSEPH MURPHY
HON. MICHAEL REED
HON. GEORGE RUSSELL, III
HON. JOYCE BAYLOR-THOMPSON
HON. ALEXANDER WRIGHT, JR.
CITY TEMPLE OF BALTIMORE
(BAPTIST CHURCH) ENSEMBLE



THE MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

A DRAMATIC READING OF

LET FREEDOM RING

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED

BY HON. PAUL B. HANDY

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

BALTIMORE, MD

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

ABOUT THE PLAY

LET FREEDOM RING

On December 5, 1955 the people of color of Montgomery, Alabama, launch a one-day boycott of the city buses. They protest Rosa Parks' arrest for refusing to give up her seat on a city bus to a white person. The boycott is a resounding success, and extends and expands into a movement to end segregation in Montgomery, with national and international support.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is a young preacher in Montgomery, who initially does not want to participate in the boycott because it comes at an inconvenient time. Dr. King reluctantly agrees to allow his church to be used for a public meeting and then is drafted to be the movement's spokesperson.

This is the story of Dr. King, his rise as a civil rights leader, his quest to effect social change by non-violent means, and the movement of all people who yearn to be free.

-- Hon. Paul B. Handy

"OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END THE DAY WE BECOME

LET FREEDOM RING

TIME:

1955 - 1956

PLACE:

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

"I HAVE A DREAM THAT MY FOUR LITTLE CHILDREN WILL
ONE DAY LIVE IN A NATION WHERE THEY WILL
NOT BE JUDGED BY THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN,
BUT BY THE CONTENT OF THEIR CHARACTER."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

THE PROGRAM

WELCOME..... GLORIA WILSON SHELTON
GREETINGS..... HON. CATHERINE C. BLAKE
INTRODUCTION..... PAUL B. HANDY

THE READING

SCENE ONE- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1955 (AFTERNOON)
SCENE TWO- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1955 (EVENING)
SCENE THREE- MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1955
SCENE FOUR- JANUARY 29, 1956
SCENE FIVE- FEBRUARY 22, 1956
SCENE SIX- DECEMBER 14, 1956

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

TED J. WILLIAMS

FOX NEWS

THE MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & PRESENTATIONS.....STEPHANIE LANE WEBER

RECEPTION, UPPER LEVEL ATRIUM

"WE MUST LEARN TO LIVE TOGETHER AS BROTHERS
OR WE WILL PERISH TOGETHER AS FOOLS."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

CAST

(IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

HON. SHEILA R. TILLERSON ADAMS..... JO ANN ROBINSON
PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S POLITICAL COUNCIL

ABBAY HAIRSTON, ESQ..... ROSA PARKS

HON. GEORGE J. HAZEL..... DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

HON. WANDA HEARD..... CORETTA SCOTT KING

HON. MARCELLA HOLLAND..... RADIO VOICE NARRATOR

HON. LARNZELL MARTIN, JR. REV. RALPH ABERNATHY

HON. JOSEPH MURPHY...MONTGOMERY MAYOR W.A. "TACKEY" GAYLE

HON. MICHAEL REED..... MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR.

HON. GEORGE RUSSELL, III..... NCAAP PRESIDENT E.D. NIXON

HON. JOYCE BAYLOR-THOMPSON CHOIR LEADER MARY JENSON

HON. ALEXANDER WRIGHT, JR..... FOUNDRY WORKER CHESTER LEWIS
CHOIR THE CITY TEMPLE OF BALTIMORE (BAPTIST CHURCH)

"WE MUST ACCEPT FINITE DISAPPOINTMENT,
BUT NEVER LOSE INFINITE HOPE."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHT AND DIRECTOR

Paul B. Handy grew up in Baltimore City and the Washington, D.C. suburbs. He received his B.A. degree from Rutgers University – Livingston College, with a double major in Labor Studies and Sociology, and received his J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law. Paul is an administrative law judge with the D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings. Previously, he was a judge with the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings, an assistant public defender in Maryland, and a solo practitioner.

Paul has written 16 plays that have been publicly produced. Paul's "Full Truth" has been performed six times, four times for the purpose of raising money for scholarship funds. Paul's play, "Cry for the Gods," about the overthrow of Hawaii's Queen, won four awards at the 2004 Maryland Community Theatre Festival, was performed in the 2011 Capital Fringe Festival, and was sponsored by the Hawaiian delegation to Congress, in support of a bill granting rights to native Hawaiians. "Let Freedom Ring," about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Montgomery bus boycott, was presented at Howard University School of Law and was sponsored by District 4 of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ). Judge Handy is a member of NAWJ. NAWJ awarded NAWJ Equal Access to Justice scholarships to two Howard University law school students during the program. Other plays include "The Sound of a Tree Falling," "Satellite Parking," "Suffering Fools," "Preaching to the Choir," and "Merryman." Paul is married to Frances Recio, an attorney with the United States Department of Health and Human Services. They have twins, Marisa and Daniel, who just turned three.

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**"LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT AND URGENT QUESTION IS
'WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?'"**

MLK, JR