

## **2015 Fred Gray Civil Rights Symposium Cut 1**

Faulkner University's Jones School of Law is hosting its tenth annual Fred Gray Civil Rights Symposium this morning.

The symposium marks the 50th anniversary of the Selma-to-Montgomery March and the passing of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Jerome Dees is a Professor of Law at Faulkner University. He says the goal of the symposium is to continue to highlight Civil Rights history.

"Fred Gray is going to give about a thirty-minute talk about his reaction to the movie *Selma* and then he will kind of give us a backdrop of behind-the-scenes legal workings that were going on that allowed the march to take place."

The symposium is from 8 -12:30 PM and is free for the public. For more information on registration and guest speakers, visit Faulkner University's website. Attorney Fred Gray will be honored with a historic marker in downtown Montgomery next week on Rosa Park's birthday. Gray represented Parks when she was arrested for refusing to give up her bus seat.

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"This is a great opportunity - in particular for our young people - to be able to come out and really understand the history of the Civil Rights Movement, the history of Alabama and the South."

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