

John A. Sibley Lecture
University of Georgia School of Law

"The Academy and the Court"

The Sibley lecturer at the University of Georgia School of Law for the winter quarter will be Wade H. McCree, Jr., Solicitor General of the United States.

McCree became solicitor in March, 1977 after serving eleven years on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He previously served as United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan and as a Michigan circuit judge.

Solicitor General McCree earned the bachelor of arts degree at Fisk University and the bachelor of laws degree at Harvard. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa, but lived during his youth in Hilo, Hawaii, Chicago, and Boston.

He served in the United States Army during World War II and earned the rank of Captain. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Star. After his military service he practiced law in Detroit and served as Workmen's Compensation Commissioner prior to beginning his judicial career in 1954.

Solicitor General McCree is a trustee (vice-chairman) of Fisk University and a former overseer of Harvard College. He has been an adjunct law faculty member of Wayne State University and the University of Detroit.

He is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a former director of the American Judicature Society, and was a director of the Federal Judicial Center. He is a member of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Judicial Selection, Tenure and Compensation and of the Advisory Council on Appellate Justice.

This visit to the University of Georgia School of Law is indeed significant. The Solicitor General of the United States, is by job description, the federal government's lawyer in its cases before the Supreme Court of the United States. He supervises all appellate litigation conducted by the Department of Justice. That is, the office of the Solicitor General determines which government cases will be appealed to the next highest court level. The Solicitor General's Office, established in 1870, is third in rank in the Department of Justice.

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