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## 2017 Edith House Lecturer



Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson received her commission as a United States District Judge in March of 2013. Until December of 2014, she also served as a Vice Chair and Commissioner on the United States Sentencing Commission.

Prior to her four years of service on the Sentencing Commission, Judge Jackson worked for three years as Of Counsel at Morrison & Foerster LLP. From 2005 until 2007, Jackson served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the appeals division of the Office of the Federal Public Defender in the District of Columbia. Before that appointment, Judge Jackson worked as an Assistant Special Counsel at the Sentencing Commission and as an associate with two law firms (one specializing in white-collar criminal defense, and the other focusing on the negotiated settlement of mass-tort claims). Judge Jackson also served as a law clerk to three federal judges: Associate Justice Stephen G. Breyer of the Supreme Court of the United States (October Term 1999), Judge Bruce M. Selya of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (1997-1998), and Judge Patti B. Saris of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts (1996-1997).

Judge Jackson is currently a member of the Board of Overseers of Harvard University and of the Council of the American Law Institute. She also currently serves on the board of the D.C. Circuit Historical Society.

In 1996, Judge Jackson received a J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School, where she served as a supervising editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. She received an A.B., magna cum laude, in Government from Harvard-Radcliffe College in 1992.

The 35<sup>th</sup> Edith House Lecture

“Reflections on My Journey as a Mother and a  
Judge”

Presented by

Hon. Ketanji Brown Jackson

Thursday, March 2, 2017

3:30 p.m.

Hatton Lovejoy Courtroom

- Welcome.....Dean Usha Rodrigues,  
Associate Dean for Faculty Development  
& M.E. Kilpatrick Professor of Law
- Opening Remarks..... Emily Cox,  
WLSA Vice President &  
Edith House Event Coordinator
- Introduction of Speaker.....Professor Sonja R. West,  
Otis Brumby Distinguished Professor of  
First Amendment Law
- Lecture.....Honorable Ketanji Brown Jackson,  
United States District Court for  
the District of Columbia
- Concluding Remarks.....Gracie Shepherd,  
WLSA Vice President

Reception to follow in the Rotunda.



As one of the largest student organizations at the University of Georgia School of Law, WLSA's mission is to strengthen women by providing educational, professional, and social events that benefit all students, with a focus on women in law. Past and current activities include projects with Georgia Options, Inc., Prevent Child Abuse Athens, Project Safe, exam and curriculum workshops for first year students, and participation in the GAWL Art Auction. The high point of WLSA's year is the Edith House Lecture.

### A Word of Thanks

The Women Law Students' Association is grateful to Dean Peter "Bo" Rutledge, Associate Dean Lori Ringhand, WLSA's faculty advisor Kristin Lowry, Alex Sklut, Lisa Mathis, Heidi Murphy, Sandy Ledford, Cathy Dasher and the entire faculty and staff of the law school for their support of this lecture. The series is made possible through the generous contributions of alumni, faculty, students, and friends of the Edith House endowment fund for the Edith House Lecture Series in Law.

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The Women Law Students Association and the Law School community appreciate your interest and support of this endowment fund.

## Previous Edith House Lectures

Stacey Godfrey Evans, Georgia House of Representatives, "The Voice of a Woman Lawyer: Why It Matters and How to Use It." April 18, 2016

Kelly Caffarelli, President, Caffarelli Consulting "Long Pants or Short Skirts: Fitting In, Fighting Back or Finding Your Own Way." April 2, 2015

Teresa Wynn Roseborogh, Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, Home Depot, "It's Time to Try Defying Gravity, One Woman's Thoughts on Having It All." April 9, 2014.

Edith Hollan Jones, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit, "Why the Constitution Matters and Why Women Should Care." March 20, 2013

Leslie M. Turner, General Counsel, Coca-Cola North America, "Winning or Winning with Integrity? A Lawyer's Role in the Corporate World." March 20, 2012.

Carol W. Hunstein, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia, "Women and the Law – We've Come a Long Way .... Maybe." March 9, 2011.

Dahlia Lithwick, Senior Editor, Slate Magazine, "Wise Woman - What Women Bring to the Bench and How to Talk about It like Gentlemen." March 25, 2010.

Felice Batlan, Assistant Professor, Chicago-Kent College of Law, "Are We Our Mothers' Law Students?: Women's Law School Experiences and an Agenda for Action." April 9, 2009.

Shirley Hufstедler, U.S. Secretary of Education under President Jimmy Carter, "Freedom and Justice for Some." March 19, 2008.

Harriet McBryde Johnson, "Disability Rights: A Liberation Movement for All People." March 21, 2007.

Sarah Weddington, University of Texas, "Some Leaders are Born Women." March 23, 2006.

Jean Toal, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of South Carolina, "Women in the Law." March 24, 2005.

Linda Hamilton Krieger, Professor of Law, University of California, Berkley, "Naturalizing Anti-Discrimination Law." February 25, 2004.

Kathy Hall-Martinez, Director of the International Program, Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, "Using Legal Strategies to Promote Women's Reproductive Rights: Achievements and Challenges" March 3, 2003.

Dr. Kelly Askin, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard University, "Securing Justice for Women in the U.N. International War Crimes Tribunals and Beyond." March 26, 2002.

Dorothy Roberts, Professor, Northwestern University School of Law, "Missing Voices: Black Mothers and the Politics of Child Welfare." February 15, 2001.

Susan Oki Mollway, U.S. District Judge, Hawaii, "Getting Confirmed as a Federal Judge." October 6, 1999.

Sarah Weddington, Assoc. Professor, University of Texas, "Roe v. Wade - 25 Years Later." September 23, 1998.

Anne M. Coughlin, Research Professor, University of Virginia, "Sex and Guilt." October 15, 1997.

Martha S. West, Professor of Law, University of California, Davis, "What's In It For Me: Why Don't White Women Support Affirmative Action?" October 24, 1996.

Mary E. Becker, Professor of Law, University of Chicago, "The First Amendment and Sexual Harassment of School and Work." November 2, 1995

Brooksley E. Born, Partner, Arnold & Porter, Washington, D.C., "Private Practice/Public Service: Reminiscences on the Women's Rights Movement." March 9, 1994.

Carrie Menkel-Meadow, Professor of Law, University of California, Los Angeles, "Mainstreaming Feminist Legal Theory and the Production of Legal Knowledge." March 12, 1993.

Patricia J. Williams, Assoc. Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin, "Banished Bodies." March 13, 1992.

To view a complete list of past presenters, please visit <http://www.law.uga.edu/edith-house-lecture-series>.



## EDITH HOUSE

Edith House, a native of Winder, Georgia, was co-valedictorian of the Class of 1925, and one of the first two women to graduate from the University of Georgia School of Law. Following graduation, she practiced for four years in Clearwater, Florida. She was then appointed Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, a position she held for the next thirty years. When the Southern District was subdivided to create the new Middle District, Ms. House was appointed to the post of United States Attorney for the new Southern District. Ms. House retired in 1963. She lived in Jacksonville, Florida, until her death on December 14, 1987. It is in memory of her hard work and pioneering spirit that this lecture series is dedicated.

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