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RESUME' OF ATTY. ANDRE' WOOTEN

After obtaining a B.A. in world history at Reed College in 1971, and graduating from the University of Washington Law School in 1975, Atty. Wooten went to work for KCTS Channel 9 TV, the Educational Public television station in Seattle, where he wrote grants and shot documentaries and community affairs news programs.

Andre' Wooten began practicing law as a deputy Corporation Counsel for the City of Seattle in from 1976-1980; and taught Afro-American History and Constitutional Law, for the University of Washington Black Studies Department from 1978-1980.

Andre Wooten moved to Hawaii in 1980 and bought a home on the Big Island near Kalapana and learned to surf at Kaimu while working in construction and then as an investigator for the Child Support Enforcement department of the State of Hawaii Dept. of Human Services from 1982 to 1985.

Andre' Wooten established a litigation practice in Civil Rights, Criminal Defense, Personal Injury and Real Estate law in Honolulu in 1985. He is former president of the African American Lawyers Association of Hawaii, which he co-founded in 1987, and lobbied the legislature for the appointment of a black judge.

In 1988, as president of the Afro-American Association of Hawaii, he helped form a community coalition which successfully lobbied the Hawaii State legislature for passage of the Martin Luther King, Jr. State holiday.

Since 1988, Andre' has published numerous articles as History editor of the Afro-Hawaii then the Mahogany Newspapers in Honolulu, lectured in various colleges and Universities in Hawaii, and appeared scores of times in television programs in Honolulu discussing facts of the historical impact of the International African diaspora and civil rights issues.

In 1995 he and his wife formed Amen Rasta I Production Enterprises, which creates, produces and distributes educational International African history & music videos world wide. Beginning with our travels to Africa and the Nile Valley civilizations of Nubia, KMT-Egypt, Kush and the Sudan. www.AfricanHistoryVideos.Com Expanding to West Africa, South Africa, Brazil in South America, Fiji and The South Pacific, The Carribean and Jamaica.

Since moving to Hawaii Atty. Wooten has taught in the public high schools of the Big Island and lectured on African and American history, law and politics at the University of Hawaii, Chaminade University, Wayland Baptist College, Kaneohe Marine Base, Schofield Army Barracks, Pearl Harbor Naval Base, Hickam Air Force Base and before numerous community groups.

In December 2002, a Hawaii Federal Jury awarded Atty Wooten's client, Umar RAHSAAN, \$1,055,000.00 in damages. The largest civil rights violation award for a black man a civil rights case, in Hawaii history.

In April 2006, he won a \$1,095,000 jury verdict against Queens Hospital and a surgeon in a medical malpractice case.

And in 2005 Andre' Wooten settled, a discrimination case for Chadd Eaglin against the University of Hawaii Medical School. As of 2004 the U of H Medical school had never admitted a first year African-American male student and had only graduated one black male student ever in 30 years.

Dr. Eaglin ultimately graduated from the University of Missouri Medical school, UH Medical school agreed to pay his out of state tuition and to include local black doctors in the admissions process as part of the settlement.

In two decades of litigation practice Atty Wooten has won numerous cases involving discrimination against people in Hawaii education and employment and for many injured accident victims.

Atty. Andre' Wooten has been honored by the Naval computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Command, and The Pearl Harbor DFAS Pacific Command for Black History Month multi-media presentations, and The Hawaii State Senate for his Civil Rights legal work as a member of the African American Lawyers Association of Hawaii.

Atty. Wooten has real estate business interests in Hawaii, Washington, Texas and Jamaica. www.SanSpiceVilla.com

His Hobbies include surfing the seven seas, archeology, music, dance, documentaries, photography, writing and adventure.

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Sincerely,

Andre' S. Wooten

WOOTEN ROOTS

While Andre' Wooten was born in Seattle, his father moved there from Texas and mother from Alabama, after WWII. His father's people had been brought into Texas in 1840, through the port of Galveston, home of Jack Johnson, from South Carolina. They were marched about 200 miles north with about 200 others and sold at the Croquette, town square. After the civil war, they started farming in a small black community called Fodice, Texas.

By 1900 my great-grand parents had somehow acquired 500 acres, which they left to their 4 boys. My grandfather went to Prairie View on a football scholarship in 1910, did WWI, the teacher and his teacher wife had 12 kids and left them each 125 acres of Texas. His brothers did they same but did not have as many kids. So today 160 years later, in a way, we now own that old plantation.

My father, Howard A. Wooten, was a Tuskegee Air man, who met my mom working as an aircraft mechanic after the war in Seattle. The Air Force used his face on recruiting posters in June 2002 in Sports Illustrated, ESPN, Air Force Magazine and others. He took a job painting bridges when I was born, took a fall, and died when I was 4 months. Mom & me wound up in the projects. She went back to school got her teaching credentials and taught grade school for 35 years.

When I was 2 mom married Charles Stokes, one of the few black lawyers in Seattle in 1950. He was a criminal defense lawyer, a legislator and a judge, who also started the first soul radio station in Seattle, KZAM, and the first black bank, Liberty.

Atty. Wooten's step-father-mentor, former Seattle criminal defense lawyer, Judge and legislator, Charles M. Stokes, was elected to the Black Lawyers "Hall of Fame" of the National Bar Association in 1992. A small park was named for him in Seattle. "Song For My Father", written by his sister Essence Editor Stephani Stokes Oliver tells the story of his career in law and politics. [Wwww.SSOCom.Com](http://www.SSOCom.Com)

My mother, Josephine retired after teaching grade school in Seattle for over 30 years.

Hawaii is the major military base in the Pacific for the U.S. empire. At least 40% of over 100,000 soldiers, sailors, air men and marines, and their families are black here.

But since they do not vote here, they do not get counted in the census as permanent residents. But their legal cases go through the Hawaii Federal and State court system, where they do not sit on juries. African-Americans have lived in Hawaii for over 200 years. These facts make very different trying cases in Hawaii.