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Tougaloo College Hosts New York State Supreme Court Justice Emily Jane Goodman

Tougaloo, MS - The Honorable Emily Jane Goodman, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York will be a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow at Tougaloo College the week of April 23, 2006. Justice Goodman will address the Pre-Law Convocation on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, among other activities planned during her week-long visit.

Before becoming a State Supreme Court judge, Emily Goodman was a judiciary in civil, criminal and family courts. She has taught at the New York University Law School and the Center for Urban Legal Education at City College of the City University of New York. Holding an M.J.A. from Columbia University in addition to her law degree, she writes on such subjects as mediation, custody, divorce, housing discrimination, and battered women. She has authored and co-authored several books, including *Women, Money, and Power*; *A Woman's Guide to Marriage and Divorce in New York*; and *The Tenant Survival Book*. Her articles have appeared in *The New York Times*, *New York Law Journal*, *Ms. Magazine*, *The Village Voice*, and *The National Law Journal*.

Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows connect a liberal education with the world beyond the campus by bringing thoughtful and successful practitioners to colleges for a week of classes and informal discussions with students and faculty. Fellows, who include government officials, business leaders, journalists, environmentalists, and medical ethicists, are matched with small colleges chosen for their commitment to the goals of the program. Together they help to equip students for the social, political, and economic settings they will enter and illuminate the roles they may play as professionals and informed citizens.

Fellows are scheduled for formal presentations in classrooms, panels, and public platforms, and informal encounters at meals, in student centers, clubs, dormitories, career counseling and individual sessions. The week-long visit allows Fellows to explicate their ideas fully and often leads to continuing ties.

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation has developed and conducted programs in higher education since 1945. More than 200 colleges have participated in the Visiting Fellows program since 1973. For more information, contact Dr. Charles Holmes in the Political Science Department at (601) 977-6141.

Founded in 1869, Tougaloo College is a private, historically black, coeducational, four-year liberal arts institution, located in Madison County, on the northern edge of Jackson, Mississippi. Known nationally as "The Cradle of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi," the College is led by its first female president, Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan. The 13th president of Tougaloo College, Dr. Hogan is a 1973 graduate of the College and a native Mississippian. Under her visionary leadership, the College boasts a student retention rate of 78% and ranks as one the top five historically black colleges and universities whose graduates earn their PhDs in the sciences. More than half (66%) of its graduates enter graduate and professional schools immediately after graduation. Today, Tougaloo College is the leading producer of African American health professionals, including over 40% of the physicians and dentists, practicing in the state of Mississippi. It has produced more than one-third of the state's African American attorneys and educators, including teachers, principals, and school superintendents.