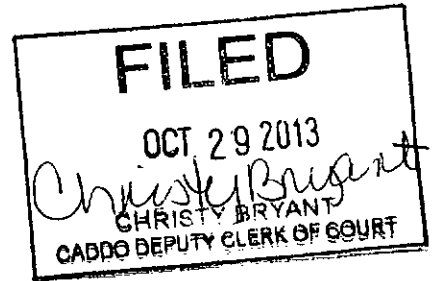


MEMORIAL FOR  
ALMA SALTER JONES  
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY  
HELD IN THE  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
OCTOBER 29, 2013  
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE  
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION



ALMA SALTER JONES (herein referred to as "Alma Jones") was born in Cullen, Louisiana on July 29, 1949, and passed away on August 20, 2013 at the age of 64.

Alma Jones attended school in Cullen, Louisiana, obtained a Pre-law degree from Louisiana State University and a Juris Doctorate Degree from Southern University in 1975. Alma became a lawyer when it was difficult for women to have a significant role as a professional. She endured the test of time with dignity and respect for the bar. Alma Jones was the second African American female lawyer to practice in Northwest Louisiana. Upon graduating from law school, Alma resided in Haughton and Shreveport, Louisiana. Alma Jones's legal career commenced at Northwest Louisiana Legal Services and ended with Legal Services of North Louisiana as its first female Executive Director. Alma was also the first female Executive Director for the UAW General Motors Legal Services of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Throughout her life and career, Alma Jones maintained the highest level of integrity and loyalty, while constantly fighting for the disadvantaged and underprivileged. Alma Jones was always prepared for court proceedings and enjoyed proving to her male colleagues her intellectual ability for winning against the odds. Alma was devoted to training women and was excited about any opportunity for a woman to escape customary limitations of practicing law. Alma loved to motivate others to pursue their legal careers to the highest level of achievement.

Alma Jones entered the private practice of law in 1988 and was an astute business woman who practiced primarily in the areas of civil law with a heavy concentration in domestic law.

During her career, Alma Jones received numerous awards as a public servant and trailblazer, having served on numerous local and state boards.

1. She was a member of the Louisiana State Bar, American Bar, National Bar Association and Shreveport Bar Association;

2. Member of Women's Rights Advocacy;
3. President of the Shreveport Association for Women Attorneys ;
4. A member of The House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association ;
5. Bossier Office of Community Services Board since 2010;
6. Hope Board of Directors;
7. President of the Southeast Project Directors Association;
8. A member of the Martinet Society;
9. Former President of the Shreveport/ Bossier Black Lawyers Association;
10. Recipient as Executive Director of Northwest Louisiana Legal Services, Outstanding Leadership and Dedication Award;
11. Recipient of the Dr. Jesse N. Stone Pioneer Award of the Shreveport Branch of the NAACP, in special recognition and appreciation for her dedicated service, determination and courageous efforts given to creating equality and justice for citizens of the Shreveport community, James Pannell, President;
12. Recipient of the A.P. Tureaud, Sr., LSU Alumni Association Award;
13. Recipient of a joint Proclamation from the office of the Mayors of Shreveport and Bossier City, La. celebrating thirty years of providing legal services to low income persons of Northwest La; Executive Director Award from the Shreveport Legal Services;
14. DART- Certificate of recognition of support presented to Legal Services of North Louisiana, Honoring Alma Jones;
15. Recipient of a joint Proclamation from the office of the Mayors of Shreveport and Bossier City, Louisiana, celebrating Legal Services of North Louisiana, for the dedication of Attorney Alma Jones;
16. African American Women Trailblazers Award;
17. Shreveport/Bossier Top 2009 Lawyers (chosen by her peers);
18. Attorney Jacqueline A. Scott, Best Mentor Award;

Alma Jones was instrumental in the naming of the present Legal Services of North Louisiana building in downtown Shreveport as the "Lois A. Coleman" building in honor of its deceased client board member. The Lois A. Coleman building is the first and only building named in honor of an African American woman in downtown Shreveport.

She was a faithful member and tireless worker of the Galilee Baptist church in Haughton, Louisiana. Alma's achievements inspired countless women to reach their goals even though they might seem impossible.

Alma Jones continued to fight for access for justice, even after being diagnosed in 2008 with breast cancer, and continued to fight until our Lord and Savior called her home. Not a minute was wasted, as she worked tirelessly to keep North Louisiana Legal Services doors open and employees compensated through grant writing and private donations. She leaves a devoted staff. She was a good boss.

Alma traveled the country with her husband of forty three years, Elijah Jones, her two children, Vondrick Lamar, Thomas Jason Jones, and her grandchild, Marci Jones.

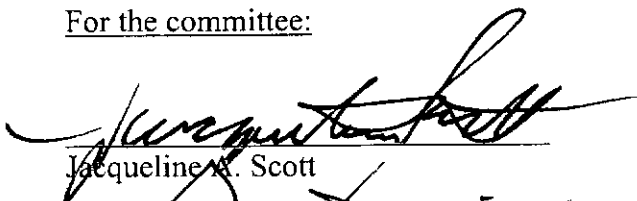
Alma was proud of the longevity with her husband, proud of being a hard working and loving mother and proud that she was able to practice law for thirty seven years with ethical integrity and no verified complaint from the bar. Alma exemplified courage, poise and professionalism throughout her career while maintaining her humanity and sense of humor.

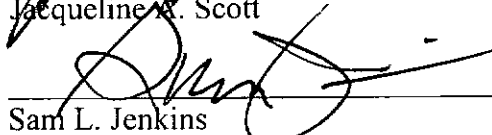
Alma Jones loved to read law books and novels with the last book being *Women are like Tea Bags, Strong and Absorbing*, which described her personality, and is written by Attorney Deirdre L. Weir.

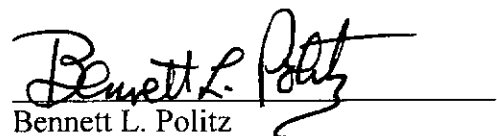
Alma was a strong, enduring woman who will be sorely missed by her family, colleagues whose lives she touched and the legal community.

On behalf of the Shreveport Bar Association, we submit this memorial to the memory of Alma Salter Jones, and move that it be inscribed in the permanent records of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and that certified copies thereof be presented to her family. Respectfully submitted on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

For the committee:

  
Jacqueline A. Scott

  
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Shreveport Bar Association

Memorial & Recognition Ceremony

Tuesday, October 29, 2013  
2:30 P.M.

Courtroom G, Caddo Parish Courthouse



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**SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION  
2013 MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION  
CEREMONY**

**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**

Opening of Court ..... **HON. ROBERT P. WADDELL**  
*Chief Judge, First Judicial District Court*

Welcome ..... **WILLIAM F. KENDIG, JR.**  
*President, Shreveport Bar Association*

Invocation ..... **HELEN GODFREY-SMITH, SENIOR PASTOR**  
*Greater Provision Christian Church*

General Eulogy ..... **LAURA PETERSON BUTLER**  
*Ceremony Chairperson*

**IN MEMORIAM**

*Donald L. Baker*  
*Jack Raymond Brown*  
*Honorable James E. "Jim/Buck" Clark*  
*Alma Salter Jones*  
*Honorable Cecil C. Lowe*

**PRESENTERS**

*Frances Tunu Baker*  
*Ted Casten*  
*Laura Peterson Butler*  
*Jacqueline Scott*  
*William F. Kendig, Jr.*

Introduction of New Attorneys ..... **B. SLATTERY JOHNSON, JR.**  
*President, Young Lawyers Section*  
*Shreveport Bar Association*

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Recognition of New Attorneys ..... **HON. ROBERT P. WADDELL**  
  
Benediction ..... **THE REVERNEND MARY B. RICHARD**  
*The Church of the Holy Cross, Episcopal*

*"The precepts of law are these: To live honorably,  
To injure no other man and to render every man his due."  
Justinian, 527-565 AD*