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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*Civil Rights Symposium & Luncheon*

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“The Crisis in American Justice - Seeking Guidance...” is the theme of a civil rights symposium set for October 1, 2011 at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte.

The event, sponsored by the Charlotte, NC Fund-raising Committee of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund will include workshop sessions (starting at 10:00 a.m.) and a noon luncheon.

Among those participating in the symposium are Atty. Ted Fillette, Senior Managing Attorney, Legal Aid of North Carolina; Attorney James E. Ferguson; District Court Judge Rickye McKoy-Mitchell and UNCC Professor of Sociology and Public Policy, Roslyn Arlin Michelson. Noted civil rights attorney Julius Chambers, one-time head of the Legal Defense and Educational Fund and wife Vivian Chambers will receive special recognition at the luncheon.

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund was formed 71 years ago. It is considered to be the nation’s premier civil rights legal organization, leading black Americans’ quest to secure and defend constitutional rights and to expand equal opportunity for all. Through litigation, advocacy and public education, the LDF has sought structural changes to eliminate disparities and achieve racial justice. Today, a major role of the fund is to defend the gains and protections achieved over the years.

The North Carolina Fundraising Committee holds events annually to support the work of the LDF.

The cost of the symposium and luncheon is \$25.

For further information or tickets, please contact Sarah Stevenson (704-392-9503) or Vivian Williams (704-392-1540).