

Julius Chambers Named Equal Opportunity Day Dinner Speaker

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The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League will host its Second Annual Equal Opportunity Day Dinner on Friday, October 5, at the Charlotte Convention Center at 101 S. College Street.

The dinner program will begin at 7 p.m., following a 6:30 reception.

Keynote speaker at the dinner will be Julius-Levonne Chambers, formerly of Charlotte and now Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, headquartered in New York. Mr. Chambers had been senior partner of the Charlotte law firm Chambers, Ferguson, Watt, Wallas, Adkins and Fuller, P.A., before leaving in August to head the LDEF. He has long been in the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement and has made numerous contributions toward equal opportunity for blacks and other minorities.

The Equal Opportunity Day Dinner will be the occasion for the presentation of the Urban League's 1984 Corporate, Corporate Leadership, Community Service, and Equal Opportunity Awards.

The Equal Opportunity Award will be announced during the dinner program. According to Birdena Samuel, Project Coordinator for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League, this award goes to an individual who has exhibited outstanding support in the area of civil rights or affirmative action.

John Crawford, Director of Youth Services for the Charlotte Housing Authority, will receive the Community Service Award for his work with the Teens in Touch program and for his successful efforts in starting a scholarship fund for youth living in public housing.

This year's Corporate Award will be presented to the NCNB Corporation for outstanding contributions and support of the recently announced Word Processing Job Training Center. Mr. C.C. Cameron, Chairman of the First Union Corporation, will receive the Corporate



Attorney Julius Chambers
.....LDEF director-counsel

Leadership Award.

"Mr. Cameron was the catalytic force that ensured funding for the Word Processing Job Training Center," explained Ms. Samuel.

There have already been 500 applicants for the first 15-week training program, which is scheduled to begin November 1, Samuel revealed. Applicants are being screened on the basis of a

minimum typing speed of 40 words per minute, high school diploma, 9th grade reading and math levels, Mecklenburg County residency, and classification as "economically disadvantaged." This classification is based on Job Training Program Act (JTPA) guidelines, which include income factors and the need for re-training in order to participate in the employment mainstream.

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