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ernments and social issues impacted the faculty, students, and graduates.

Favors provides a challenge as to the future of the HBCUs and advocacy for black men and women in the United States and around the world, by quoting Mack Jones, an esteemed scholar of the Black experience who has spent much of his personal and professional life attending, teaching, and researching these vital spaces, (he) offers a point of concern. “It is not clear that Black colleges or the Black community as a whole, for that matter, have developed useful descriptions of the current reality that besets us as a people and determined the appropriate role of the Black college in the continuing struggle for racial equality. It is my view it is imperative that we do so now...” (p. 250).

Supporting the historical research, the author provides Acknowledgements (p. 253), Notes (p. 261), Bibliography (p. 315), and Index (p. 341). Recommended for academic and public libraries.

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**White Lawyer Black Power: A memoir of Civil Rights Activism in the Deep South**



A Memoir of Civil Rights Activism in the Deep South  
Donald A. Jelinek with a foreword by John Dittmer



Donald A. Jelinek  
Foreword by John Dittmer  
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John Dittmer says, “This memoir is said to be unique among lawyers. Few memoirs stand out as written by lawyers, particularly during the years of the civil rights movement in Mississippi”. Additionally, Dittmer says, “it doesn’t take long to realize that Jelinek is a marvelous storyteller. He writes beautifully, and with humor. He spent his college and law school summers as a waiter and standup comic on the Borscht Circuit in upstate New York. He integrates relevant historical material seamlessly and uses his own experiences as a volunteer in the movement to illustrate larger themes” (p. xiv).

Donald Jelinek was born in 1934, in the Bronx, graduated from New York University Law School and was hired into a Wall Street law firm. In 1965, he accepted a position working in Mississippi for three weeks in the Jackson Office of the American Civil Liberties Union. While there Jelinek threw himself into the local scene, getting to know the local people, working alongside them by picking cotton and having conversations to learn about them and their lives in Jackson.

Throughout his life in the 50s and 60s in the South, Jelinek traveled in active circles as an advocate for the rights of the black members of society, organizing, actively defending, landing in prison, and planning uprisings and community activities for the ACLU and SNCC. He became a strong supporter of the down trodden and abused in black communities. He died in June of 2016 at age 82.

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