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We are excited to announce the dedication of the J.L. Chestnut/Bruce Boynton Judicial Building on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 12:00 noon at the Dallas County Courthouse Annex located at 102 Church Street, Selma, Alabama 36701.

The Dallas County Commission has approved the renaming of the Dallas County Courthouse Annex to the J.L. Chestnut/Bruce Boynton Judicial Building. Attorney J.L. Chestnut, a graduate of Howard University School of Law, was Selma's first African-American lawyer. He was a fighter for voting rights for Blacks and a pioneer for Black lawyers in Alabama. Attorney Bruce Boynton, also a graduate of Howard University School of Law, was one of the first of the student "sit-inners" who protested racially segregated travel and counter facilities. After Attorney Boynton's arrest for the incident, *Boynton v. Virginia*, 364 U.S. 454 (1960), was argued before the U.S. Supreme Court and spawned the Freedom Riders, Lunch Counter Sit-ins and demonstrations by Blacks, which led to the passage of the 1964 Public Accommodation Act.

Please join the Dallas County Commissioners, the Alabama Lawyers Association, the Alabama Lawyers Association Judicial Council, the Blackbelt Bar Association, the Selma/Dallas County Bar Association, the Law Firm of Chestnut, Sanders and Sanders, Judge Jimmy Nunn, Probate Judge of Dallas County, the Circuit Judges of the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit and Retired Circuit Judge, Judge England in the celebration of this historic dedication.

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