

**February 11, 2004**

**Southern University Law Center Gets \$40,000**

**From Dodson and Hooks Law Firm**

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**—The Dodson and Hooks Law Firm of Baton Rouge recently made a \$40,000 donation to the Southern University Law Center to be used in establishing an endowed professorship.

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., said that the Law Center will apply for reverse matching funds in the amount of \$60,000 from the Louisiana Board of Regents to establish the Dodson and Hooks Professorship in Litigation Practice.

Richard Dodson, a partner in the firm, is proud of his long history at the Law Center. Dodson felt that “the time was right” and he is “very happy to be able to give back financially to this outstanding Law Center.” He has been an adjunct professor at Southern for 17 years.

The attorney was hired by the first dean A.A. Lenoir in January of 1967 and has served under every dean/chancellor since. “Professor (Clyde) Tidwell came in August of that year, so I beat him as a long-timer with Southern’s law school,” Dodson said.

“I taught six and, at one time, nine hours a semester until 1977,” he said.

“Chancellor Pitcher was one of my students in civil procedure.”

Dodson took a break from teaching when his law work required him to do more international traveling, but he returned as an adjunct in 1987.

“It is an honor to leave a legacy with an institution that has been so instrumental in preparing lawyers for the practice,” he said.

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