



Please Join Us at a Reception Honoring

Jim Hood
Attorney General, State of Mississippi

Thursday, April 26
6:00-8:00 pm

At the home of
Tony and Katherine Gelderman
2403 Camp Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Requested Contribution \$1,000

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WHY WE NEED JIM HOOD

A rare breed of public servant, Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood is not afraid to stand up and "fight the status quo" to do what is right for the people of his state, without political motivation. His

"As Attorney General, I've been working with neighboring states to make sure that tax payer dollars are protected as hurricane recovery continues."

trailblazing efforts in the legal aspects of the recovery of Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina have paved the way for the entire Gulf Coast's recovery. He is a proven leader whose concern for his constituent's civil and consumer rights has brought him national acclaim.

Hood had the courage to take on insurance giant State Farm in the devastating wake of Hurricane Katrina by filing a precedent

setting lawsuit against the company for denying claims to homeowners. As a direct result of his efforts, State Farm agreed to pay hundreds of millions of dollars in additional money to Mississippi residents whose homes were damaged by Hurricane Katrina and to reevaluate their denied claims. He has also advocated not allowing insurance companies to sell automobile insurance unless they continue to sell homeowners' insurance.

In the pursuit of justice overdue from the civil rights era, Hood put former Klansman Edgar Ray Killen behind bars for orchestrating the murder of three civil right workers over forty years ago. This case, on which the film *Mississippi Burning* was based, spurred national attention and further proved General Attorney Hood's leadership.

A strong proponent of victims rights, one of General Hood's first acts as Attorney General upon election in 2003 was the establishment of a Crime Prevention and Victims Services Division, which has launched initiatives such as "Youth Patrols" to prevent school violence. Other accomplishments include a Domestic Violence Unit, Child Support Unit, Medicare Fraud Unit, Identity Theft Unit, and Cyber Crime Center and Task Force.

Prior to being elected Attorney General, Hood was the District Attorney for the Third Circuit Court District in North Mississippi and received the 2003 Justice Achievement Award from the Crime Victim's Compensation Program. He served in the Attorney General's Office as an Assistant Attorney General for five years where he ran the Drug Asset Forfeiture Unit, seizing over \$1 million from drug dealers that local law officials have put towards drug enforcement efforts.

"Whether crimes happen 40 years ago or 4 hours ago, I firmly believe that every victim should have their day in court. Advocating for crime victims has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my career."
