

## NAACP to host Oscar Adams

**ROANOKE** — Alabama's first black state Supreme Court justice, Oscar W. Adams Jr., is scheduled to address the Randolph County NAACP's observance of the Emancipation Proclamation on New Year's Day.

John B. Stevenson, editor of The Roanoke Leader newspaper, and Earl Manning, station manager of WELR radio, also are scheduled to speak at the NAACP meeting set for 1 p.m. at First Missionary Baptist Church on Riley Street in Roanoke.

NAACP chapters nationwide plan to celebrate on Jan. 1, which marks the 117th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's signing of the document freeing black slaves in the South.

The 58-year-old Adams, recently appointed to the state's highest court by Gov. Fob James, helped found the first black law firm in Alabama. The Birmingham native's law firm made history earlier this year when one of its members, U.W. Clemon, became Alabama's first black federal judge.

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