



**History in the Making: *The Relevancy of the Past to the Present*  
and *Implications for the Future***

**JENA 6 ~ ATTORNEY LOUIS SCOTT  
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We welcome to the College, Louis G. Scott, criminal defense attorney for Mychal Bell (Jena 6 defendant). Attorney Scott will address contemporary issues surrounding Social Justice and the Jena 6 case. This event is open to students and the Montgomery College community. Please join us for this exciting dialogue!

Louis G. Scott, a criminal defense attorney from Monroe, Louisiana, has built a reputation for vigorous defense of the poor and disadvantaged. He has represented clients who otherwise would not have received any semblance of justice. He is a death penalty expert who has successfully argued many cases that saved his client from a death sentence.

The son of the late civil rights activist, Rev. John H. Scott, attorney Scott was inspired to be a lawyer by the injustices he witnessed as a boy growing up in Louisiana. As the president of the student body at Grambling State University, he was expelled for leading demonstrations for student rights and Black rights. He received his B.A. from Grambling and his law degree from Southern University Law Center. He served as the town attorney for Lake Providence, Louisiana for 7 and a half years. Scott was an original founder of Richwood, Louisiana, and served as a plaintiff in the lawsuit that changed the judicial system in Louisiana.

After being approached by a group of ministers and Mychal Bell's parents, Scott agreed to represent Bell following his conviction in the Jena 6 case. Since signing on, Scott and his team have gotten adult charges overturned for Bell. Reflecting on the case, Scott recently remarked:

***“Immediately after the facts were explained, I can remember thinking, Wow, this is a case that jumped into 2007. This is my second reaction, that the tree symbolized America. And the question was, Can all Americans share the shade of the system that we operate under? But the next thing that happened was the most frightening thing of all: They cut the tree down. I was hoping that didn't symbolize the attitude of America that before we allow some Americans to share the same rights, the same privileges and the same responsibilities, we'll just***

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