

MEMORANDUM ON PAULI MURRAY

Candidate for City Council
Liberal Party, Kings County
10th Senatorial District - 5th, 22nd, 24th, A.D.
New York Municipal Elections - N.Y.C. - 1949

Profession

Lawyer, writer, Poet.

Background

Born, Baltimore, Md., November 21, 1910: age: 38
comes from a line of teachers, farmers and brickmakers.
Father, William H. Murray, was principal of a Negro
public school in the City of Baltimore. Mother was a
registered nurse. Maternal grandfather, Robert G. Fitzgerald
fought in the Civil War as a sailor, then a soldier.
He later helped to establish a system of schools for the
Freed Negroes of North Carolina and Virginia under the
Freedman's Bureau after the Civil War. Maternal grand-
mother was a slave.

Education

Public schools of Durham, North Carolina and New York
City.
Graduate of Hunter College, 1933; A.B. Degree.
Brookwood Labor College, Katonah, New York, 1936-1937.
Howard University School of Law, cum laude, L.L.B., 1944.
Rosenwald Fellow, 1944-1945.
University of California School of Jurisprudence, L.L.M.,
1945.

Occupational Experience

Work experience has included part time employment as
dishwasher, waitress, elevator operator, houseworker,
switchboard operator, typist-stenographer, library
assistant and newspaper reporter.

National Urban League, member of staff, 1933-34
Remedial Reading Project, WPA, NYC in New York City
Schools, 1935-36.
Workers Education Project, WPA, NYC., teacher, 1937-39.
National Sharecroppers Work, Exec.- Secy., 1940.
Workers Defense League - field secretary, 1940-41.
Deputy Attorney General - State of California, during
special session of California Legislature, Spring,
1946.
American Jewish Congress - legal staff, Commission on
Law and Social Action, 1946-47.

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Admitted to practice of law - State of California, 1945.
Admitted to practice of law - State of New York, 1948.
New engaged in private practice.

Writings include

Co-author of " All for Mr. Davis ", 1941 (with Murray Kempton, now Labor Columnist, New York Post) a pamphlet on the Odell Waller case and the conditions among sharecroppers in the South; " The Right to Equal Opportunity in Employment ", California Law Review, September, 1945; poems and articles in South today, Common Ground, Common Sense, PM Magazine, New York Herald Tribune, Saturday Review of Literature and The Negro in Poetry (anthology 1949).

Organizations - membership in

Citizens Committee on Children, NYC
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
National Council of Negro Women
Workers Defense League
Brooklyn Women's Bar Association
New York County Lawyers Association
Liberal Party, Law Committee
St. Philip's Protestant Episcopal Church, Brooklyn.

Miscellaneous

Merit award; National Council of Negro Women, 1945.
Award for signal achievement in law-Mademoiselle Mag., 1946.
Formerly, Chairman of N.A.A.C.P. Annual Student Conference.