



**THE 3RD ANNUAL  
DONALD L. HOLLOWELL LECTURE**

*Morris Dees*

Founder, Chief Trial Attorney, Southern Poverty Law Center

**April 3, 2014 • 7:00 pm**  
The Georgia Center for Continuing Education

*presented by the*  
**University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Center for Social Justice, Human and Civil Rights  
and the Foot Soldier Project for Civil Rights Studies**

Morris Dees co-founded the Southern Poverty Law Center in 1971 following a successful business and law career. He started a direct mail sales company specializing in book publishing while still a student at the University of Alabama, where he also obtained a law degree.

After launching a law practice in Montgomery in 1960, he won a series of groundbreaking civil rights cases that helped integrate government and public institutions. He also served as finance director for former President Jimmy Carter's campaign in 1976 and for Democratic presidential nominee George McGovern in 1972.

Known for his innovative lawsuits that crippled some of America's most notorious white supremacist hate groups, he has received more than 20 honorary degrees and numerous awards. Those include the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award from the National Education Association and the ABA Medal, the American Bar Association's highest honor. In 2006 the National Law Journal named Dees one of the 100 most influential lawyers in America.