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Federal Bar's McCree luncheon to feature author Kevin Boyle

357 The Federal Bar Association will host its annual Wade Hampton McCree Jr. Award Luncheon will be hosted on Thursday, February 1, at the Atheneum Suite Hotel and Conference Center, 1000 Brush Street in Detroit.

The luncheon's keynote speaker will be Kevin Boyle, author of "Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age," (Henry Holt, 2004; paperback edition, 2005).

"Arc of Justice" details the saga of Detroit's Dr. Ossian Sweet, his family and supporters, as well as Justice Frank Murphy and attorney Clarence Darrow. "Arc of Justice" is the winner of the 2004 National Book Award for non-fiction, the Society of Midland Authors Book Award, and the Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize. It was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

Boyle, a history professor at Ohio State University, is a 1978 graduate of Austin High School and a 1982 graduate of the University of Detroit. He received a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1990 and, in 1997-98, held the Mary Ball Washington Chair in American History at University College Dublin.

It is not a prerequisite to have read "Arc of Justice" prior to listening to him and enjoying his insightful comments about Detroit and its criminal justice system of yesteryear.

Cost for Federal Bar members is \$25 and \$30 for non-members.

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