

Celebrating the Legacy of Frankie Muse Freeman



Honoring a Civil Rights Pioneer

Black History Month Spotlight

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During this Black History Month, we honor a trailblazer whose life's work reflects Delta Sigma Theta's unwavering commitment to social action, justice, and community empowerment—Attorney Frankie Muse Freeman.

Frankie Muse Freeman was a distinguished civil rights attorney and proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. At a time when discrimination in housing was both legal and widespread, she used the power of the law to challenge inequity and advocate for equal access and opportunity.

Through her groundbreaking legal work, Attorney Freeman successfully fought cases that addressed racial discrimination in public housing. Her efforts contributed to the national momentum that led to stronger fair housing protections across the United States.

In recognition of her leadership and expertise, she became the first woman appointed to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, where she helped shape policies designed to protect the rights of all Americans.

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Because of the systems she helped influence, millions of individuals and families today benefit from fair housing laws that prohibit discrimination when renting, purchasing, or securing housing. The protections many Americans rely on during one of life's most important milestones—finding a place to live—are part of the legacy she helped build. Attorney Freeman's life exemplifies the very essence of Delta Sigma Theta: women who use their education, voice, and leadership to create lasting structural change.

Her work reminds us that true innovation is not only found in technology, but also in the courageous reshaping of systems so that justice and opportunity are accessible to all.

Today, we honor Frankie Muse Freeman for her courage, her advocacy, and her enduring impact on the rights and dignity of communities across this nation.

Because of Sorors like Frankie Muse Freeman, doors that were once closed are now protected by law—and opportunity stands where barriers once existed.

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Reference Sheet

- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – Historical information and member recognition materials.
- United States Commission on Civil Rights – Historical roster and archives noting Frankie Muse Freeman as the first woman appointed to the Commission (1964).
- National Park Service Civil Rights History – Biographical overview of Frankie Muse Freeman and her housing discrimination cases.
- The HistoryMakers Digital Archive – Biography and oral history of Frankie Muse Freeman.
- Library of Congress / Civil Rights Era Collections – Documentation of legal advocacy related to fair housing and civil rights policy.