

Columbus' judicial system is more racially biased than any in Georgia, lawyers for accused killer William Anthony Brooks said Saturday during a forum at Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Brooks, a black man, was sentenced to death in Muscogee County in 1977 for the murder and rape of Carol Jeannine Galloway, a 23 year old white woman. But a federal appeals court overturned the verdict and ordered a new trial on the basis of conduct by the judge and prosecutors in his 1977 trial, said Brooks' lawyer, Stephen Bright.

The discussion was sponsored by the Leadership Forum, a local black unification group, said the Rev. J. H. Flakes, pastor of Fourth Street Baptist Church.



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