



Advance Praise

for *Crusader for Justice*

“ In *Crusader for Justice*, Peter J. Hammer and Trevor W. Coleman show the Judge Damon Keith I know—his deep humanity, his courage on the bench, and his unyielding commitment to justice and fairness for all Americans, regardless of race or stature. This book shows the mind and soul behind the decisions that have guarded our civil liberties, enlarged our civil rights, and made America a better place for all its citizens. ”
—**William J. Clinton**, 42nd president of the United States

“ This book says a lot about the kind of difference one fellow being can make in this nation's hunger for democracy and justice. I wholeheartedly recommend this book for those who care about America's future. ”
—**Harry Belafonte**

“ *Crusader for Justice* is about more than just a man; it's a story about the human spirit. It's about our thirst for justice, draped in a robe. Judge Keith is my judge, my mentor, my second father . . . but I'm not the only one who is grateful for his example. He is the nation's judge, the country's conscience, the people's decider. Anyone who cares about equal justice for all must read this book and give it to everyone who cares about all of our citizens, from the streetsweeper to the CEO. Judge Keith's example is a gift—a man with a backbone of steel and the heart of a lion. *Crusader for Justice* gets my vote for the best legal biography of the year. ”
—**Jennifer Granholm**, former attorney general and 47th governor of Michigan

“ No one will ever forget Judge Keith's bold declaration in *Detroit Free Press v. Ashcroft*: 'Democracies die behind closed doors.' Nor will they forget his contributions to achieving social justice and racial justice through his decisions involving discrimination, national security, and civil liberties. Judge Keith came from humble roots in Detroit. Having suffered racial injustice first hand, he had the bravery to take the phrase 'equal justice under law' literally. Life experience matters, which is why diversity on the bench cannot be forsaken. *Crusader for Justice*, above all else, is a story of judicial courage—the story of a man unafraid to do what he knew was right. ”
—**Henry Louis Gates, Jr.**, director of the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African American and African Research at Harvard University