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Professor Brown, a 1982 graduate of Yale Law School, who is the Mitchell Willoughby Distinguished Professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law and the Richard S Melvin Professor Emeritus at Indiana University Maurer School of Law. Professor Brown has been a visiting professor at Law Schools at the University of Texas, Alabama, Illinois, and San Diego, as well as School of Transnational Law of Peking University and the London Law School Consortium. An original participant of the Critical Race Theory Workshop in Madison, Wisconsin in 1989, for 37 years his primary research interests are in the areas of race, law and education and transnational inequality. Brown has published 2 books and over 90 articles or comments on issues, including comparisons of struggles of blacks in the US with those of Dalits in India. He is the principal co-author of the recently published law review article addressing caste discrimination in the US. In 2022, he was the principal author of an article entitled *Does U.S. Federal Employment Law Now Cover Caste Discrimination Based On Untouchability?: If All Else Fails There is the Possible Application of Bostock v. Clayton County* in 46 N.Y.U. Review of Law & Social Change. He also has published *Distinguishing The Caste/Race Debate In The United States From South Asia*, 66 Ariz. L. Rev. 915 (2024).

A frequent speaker at scholarly conferences, Brown has spoken of issues of race, education, diversity, caste discrimination or the global impact of African-Americans over 300 times including at the annual Convention of the NAACP, the Congressional Black Caucus Braintrust Meetings, the American Bar Association, and the celebration of the Justices of the Indiana Supreme Court for the 50th Anniversary of Brown v Board of Education; at several leading law schools and universities including Harvard, Columbia, NYU, Vanderbilt, Virginia, Duke, Cornell, Emory, Northwestern, UCLA, and Texas; and including at Leeds University, Oxford University, University of Kasel, Al-Quds University outside Jerusalem, School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London, and School of Law and Humanities of China University of Mining and Technology-Beijing.

Professor Brown has a special relationship to the Dalit struggle, because he was born on October 14, 1956 (India time). More particularly, Brown's first trip to India was a 5 month Fulbright Lectureship from Dec 1996 to May 1997. He has also led a group of 13, mostly African-American professors, on a 17 day trip through India in October of 2012. During this trip, their group participated in three academic conferences comparing the struggles of African-Americans with those of Dalits. He led a different group of 11 professors on a similar three week journey to India in June and July of 2015 where they participated in five academic conferences structured on

the same theme. Together, he has participated in over a dozen conferences in India comparing the liberation struggles of Dalits and African-Americans at institutions including the Indian Institute for Dalit Studies, University of Delhi, JNU, Jindal Global Law School, National Law School in Bangalore, University of Mumbai and the Tata Institute. Brown has also spoken at celebrations of the work of Dr. Ambedkar in London, at Columbia University, New Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Varanasi, and Bangalore.