



# Unnecessary Roughness Publishing LLC



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**ROUGHNESS**

The story of a mother's fight for justice

## Cover Letter

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I invite you to please review my media kit for my newly released non-fiction narrative, Unnecessary Roughness, the story of a mother's fight for justice. This is a true and passionate story of my journey through the legal system as a pro se litigant on behalf of my twin daughters.

This story began in 2011 when my daughters were kicked out of their Girl Scout troop after giving a family heritage presentation, which highlighted our family's involvement in the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

When I could not find an attorney to represent me in my racial and disability discrimination case, I took on the task of representing myself which took me through 4 jurisdictions with no formal legal training while simultaneously completing my master's degree.

Although the story is powerful on its merit, the current climate of our country makes the premise of the lawsuit even more relevant. Moreover, almost anyone can relate to this story from its many perspectives including mothers, girls, members of the disability and legal communities, and most of all members of the civil rights community.

Its powerful story of love and empowerment that I am delighted to share. Please contact me to schedule an interview or a speaking engagement.

Sincerely,

Angela Greene

Author/Speaker

## Synopsis

When Angela Greene's twin daughters were expelled from their Girl Scout Troop, she took immediate action. She stood up against the injustice. She stood up for Malia and Sharena, who had done nothing but give a Family Heritage Presentation highlighting their family's involvement with the Civil Rights Movement.

The troop leaders from the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta had unwittingly picked the wrong mother to email (twice!) with an offer to find another troop that was a "better fit". Shocked, outraged, and disappointed by the inexcusable discriminatory conduct, Angela vehemently rejected their offers and weak solutions. She adamantly refused to find another troop, and she had no desire to start her own troop.

Angela pursued a legal course of action instead and ventured on a journey through four levels of state and federal courts that taught her some tough lessons about ineffective assistance of counsel. In fact, she was motivated to do her own research and to litigate for herself.

Unnecessary Roughness is a remarkable story of resilience, determination, fearlessness, and advocacy. More importantly, it is a fascinating story of a mother's love and her faith in God, who served as her attorney when no one else would.

## Bio

Angela Greene is a natural leader and a tenacious fighter. She firmly believes in standing up for what is right, even if it means standing alone. Prior to being called to advocate for social justice, she worked as a staff writer for the Atlanta-Journal Constitution and as a disc jockey for several local radio stations (WCLK, WFOX, WSB-FM, WALR, and WVEE) for over twenty years. She also worked as a traffic anchor for the Tom Joyner Morning.

Angela earned her bachelor's degree in English from Georgia State University and was a faculty scholar. She also earned her master's degree in Administration of Justice and Security from the University of Phoenix. After graduating with honors, she became an active member of the National Criminal Justice Honor Society.

Angela's family was very active in the 1960's Civil Rights Movement, and she loves sharing their history with her identical twin daughters, Malia and Sharena. Ironically, when her daughters were expelled from their Girl Scout Troop after giving a Family Heritage Presentation highlighting their family's involvement with the Civil Rights Movement, Angela was catapulted into advocacy work. Acting as a Pro Se Litigant, she filed a racial discrimination and disability lawsuit against the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta.

Her quest for justice took her through four levels of state and federal courts and taught her some tough but valuable lessons. Possessing the courage to engage a legal challenge against a major international organization with nothing but the will to do and the soul to dare stands as one of her proudest accomplishments to date, especially after being acknowledged by a federal judge for her outstanding articulation and presentation of the facts of the case.

Another proud accomplishment is the publication of her book, *Unnecessary Roughness*, detailing her passionate pursuit of justice. She also founded Change Agents Advocacy Group to empower others to stand up for social justice and to encourage others to become powerful self-advocates whenever the need arises.

Presently Angela is a contributing writer for an advocacy blog with The Huffington Post. Recently named the Education Chair for the NAACP (Gwinnett County Chapter), she is a staunch opponent of the "school to prison" pipeline and advocates for parents and students.

When she is not fighting the good fight, Angela enjoys going to the movies, attending smooth jazz concerts, curling up with a good book, and learning slang from her teenage twins.

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## Press Release

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### UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS - A Mother's Fight for Justice

Lawrenceville, GA — Angela Greene just published her first book, *Unnecessary Roughness: A Mother's Fight for Justice*, based on the racial and disability lawsuit she filed against the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta.

In 2011, Greene's twin daughters, Malia and Sharena, were expelled from their Girl Scout Troop after giving a Family Heritage Presentation that highlighted the Greene family's significant involvement with the Civil Rights Movement in the 60's. Shocked, outraged, and disappointed by the inexcusable discriminatory conduct, Greene initiated legal action and was immediately catapulted into advocacy for social justice.

"Angela took on a battle that many seasoned attorneys refuse to tackle because of the high probability of lack of success in discrimination cases in today's climate," says Dr. Joyce Hall, a former attorney.

During the formal launch of his book, "Dreams from my Father" at Cambridge Public Library in 1995, Barack Obama describes the level of difficulty black women, such as Greene face when they file discrimination suits against major corporations. See link below.

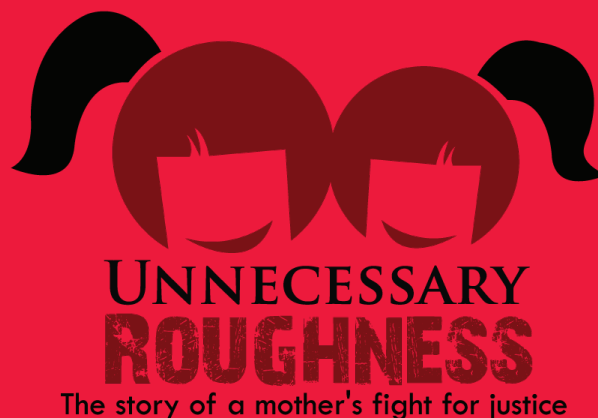
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Greene's courageous pursuit of justice for her daughters was a serious challenge that taught her some valuable lessons and left her with a remarkable story to share.

"Although my girls were the initial catalyst for my case," Greene acknowledged, "it became a fight for any and all girls who could experience the same thing."

*Unnecessary Roughness* is a well-written narrative of love, courage, fearlessness, resilience, and faith. Greene maintains that her story would not have been possible without the countless angels God placed in her path.

Angela Greene is a former media professional who holds an English degree from Georgia State University and a master's degree in Administration of Justice and Security from the University of Phoenix. Greene founded Change Agents Advocacy Group to educate and empower others to advocate for justice. She is available for interviews, book signings, and speaking engagements upon request.



## Media Coverage

### Girl Scout Media Coverage

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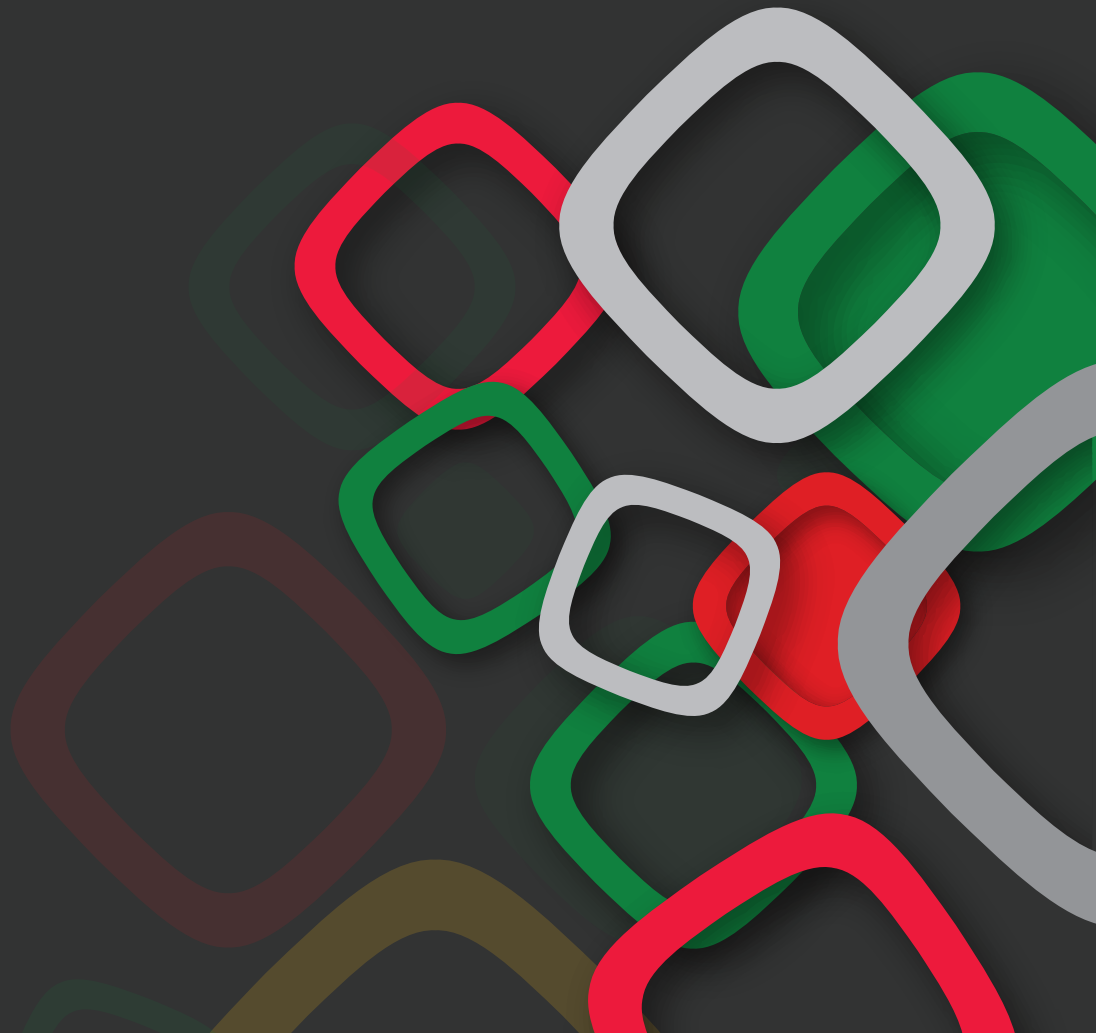
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# Sample Chapter

## The Civil Rights Connection

## Chapter 1

I became excited when I read the requirements for my daughters' Girl Scout Family Heritage Project. Malia and Sharena were nine-year-old identical twins, perhaps too young to fully appreciate the value of what they could share with their fourth grade Girl Scout Troop, but I believed it could become epic. It could become life-changing, especially since I had the box of Civil Rights Movement mementos my father had given me in 2000. I hadn't looked in the box in years, yet I recalled at least two priceless pieces of information:

1. The Independent: The Freedom Voice of LeFlore County - this was a newsletter depicting that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was scheduled as the guest speaker at Turner Chapel in Greenwood, Mississippi (July 20, 1964).
2. The Student Voice - this was a newspaper for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) spotlighting a young John Lewis being arrested by Nashville police during a protest against a segregated restaurant (May 19, 1964).

In essence, the box was a treasure trove of information about the Greene family's significant involvement in the Civil Rights Movement. According to my paternal uncle, George Greene, the United States government had kept my family under surveillance to monitor who was doing what in the movement. In fact, about two years ago, Uncle George had sent me some information about our family retrieved from the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission (MSSC) website. Apparently, the government had granted MSSC authority to investigate Mississippians involved in the Civil Rights Movement, including members of the Greene family. It was obvious some of the information was obtained using wire taps, according to the transcripts Uncle George sent me.

Thus, according to the material from my father and my uncle, it was clear my family worked closely with a host of Civil Rights leaders:

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Bob Moses
- John Lewis
- Julian Bond
- Andrew Young
- H. Rapp Brown

A respected leader himself, my grandfather, Dewey Greene, Sr., was the first president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for LeFlore County, Mississippi. He was also a delegate for the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, and he represented his state at the National Democratic Convention in 1964 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Affectionately called "Big Daddy", my grandfather welcomed many of the aforementioned leaders to stay at his home on 619 Howard Street whenever they were in Greenwood with the movement. His house contained a lot of history, to include bullet holes from the Klu Klux Klan's attempt to deter him from helping Blacks register to vote in Greenwood and Natchez, Mississippi.

"George had just walked in the house and was walking down the hall when this loud noise rang out," Aunt Alma Greene Henderson once vividly recalled to me. "I didn't know what it was, but George knew."

Unfortunately, Big Daddy's house burned down in 2007 when my father, Wendell Greene, had a cooking accident. Now nothing remained of the burgundy house with the tiny kitchen and the big front porch.

Fortunately, I still had more than enough information and fond memories to share with my daughters. My excitement fueled their interest as we read the assignment together and delegated specific tasks for Malia and Sharena. As expected, they were fascinated by the contents of the box from my father and would later refer to Congressman John Lewis as "the boy in the picture." I reminded them to mention him since he was undoubtedly a great example of how the Civil Rights Movement affected change.

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Malia and Sharena immediately began doing their research and discovered that other members of our family had been involved with the movement, too. Uncle Dewey, for example, who is my father's oldest brother, was the second person to bravely attempt to integrate Ole Miss after James Meredith - he was rejected.

Also, Aunt Freddie Greene Biddle did a lot of work with the voter registration drives. As my daughters interviewed her, she elaborated about the literary test administered to Blacks who wanted to vote. Among other trivial things, this test required applicants to read and interpret randomly selected parts of the State Constitution. Aunt Freddie's description of these events was quite similar to the jarring scene in the movie Selma - Annie Lee Cooper, portrayed by Oprah Winfrey, tried to vote; but she was denied the right after failing to name all sixty-seven judges in the state of Alabama.

The highlight of Malia and Sharena's Family Heritage Project was the interview with Aunt Freddie because her advocacy for voting rights enabled her to answer key questions from a first-hand, real-life account of the Civil Rights Movement.

As it happened, when my daughters were putting the responses to their numerous questions on construction paper for the project, Arndrea King invited us to attend a celebration honoring Dr. King's birthday at the King Center in Atlanta (January 2011). Not only is Arndrea my sister-friend, but she is actually married to Martin Luther King, III.

Graciously accepting the generous invitation, I attended the event with my daughters and we had a blast! We watched a movie about Dr. King, Jr. and participated in a mock march while holding up posters displaying his quotes. We sang "We Shall Overcome" and marched from the King Center Auditorium to the reception area where we were treated to delicious cupcakes.

Not only did my daughters and I have a great time, but Malia and Sharena now also had their own real-life experience and posters for their project to demonstrate how Black people actually marched in the 60's to protest social injustice. Using a cool picture of the Freedom Singers' album, We Shall Overcome, the finished project was an amazing wealth of information about our family and the Civil Rights Movement.

My daughters had done a fantastic job, and I was extremely proud of them. In fact, I assured them that no one else in their troop would have a project with as much historical importance as theirs. Nevertheless, I still doubted Malia and Sharena could fully grasp the significance of what they had accomplished.

Unfortunately, none of us could foresee the events that would unfold and the impact this project would have on our lives.

