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Sa'ad El-Amin To Lecture At Marshall-Wythe

by Bessida White

Sa'ad El-Amin (formerly Jeroyd X. Greene), will lecture here at Marshall-Wythe on Thursday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Moot Court Room. Mr. El-Amin's topic will be "Judicial Conservatism vs. the Rising Expectations of Oppressed Minorities." He will

give an in-depth appraisal of the effectiveness of the courts as a vehicle for social change.

Mr. El-Amin holds a B.S. in Economics from the University of Southern California, a M.S. in Economics from Yale University and a J.D. from Yale University. His brilliant and often quite controversial career

has led him from private practice in Richmond, to assistant professor at Howard University School of Law and adjunct professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, to general counsel to the Nation of Islam, and finally back to private practice in Richmond.

In 1974 Mr. El-Amin received and accepted an offer for a faculty position here at Marshall-Wythe. Routine approval generally given to such faculty appointments was denied after State Senator Edward Willey of Richmond wrote a letter to the Dean of the law school and the Board of Visitors threatening a cut-back of the law school's state funding should such a "rabble-rouser" be hired.

Mr. El-Amin has been one of the state's most outspoken opponents of racism and hypocrisy both within and without the legal system. He currently specializes in criminal and civil rights trials and appeals, and many of his colleagues have described him as the best trial attorney in the City of Richmond. His often radical politics and quick tongue have led him to numerous encounters with the judiciary, several of them ending in contempt of court convictions. Mr. El-Amin's 1970 removal petition may have provided the impetus which eventually led to the misconduct citation of Richmond Police Court Judge Harold Maurice (in September 1977).

Mr. El-Amin's lecture is being sponsored by the Black American Law Students Association (BALSA).

