

THE EARL AND ANNA BROADY FOUNDATION



Earl Broady's first job was at the age of 13 helping his father with janitorial work at Hoover Avenue School. His future wife Anna would one day be a beloved teacher at the same school.

Earl was an accomplished jazz pianist and for six years delivered mail during the day and led a dance band at night. He joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1927 where he rose to the rank of lieutenant and watch commander before retiring in 1944. He attended night school at the University of Southern California and Los Angeles College of Law and at the age of 40 became an attorney. In the 1950s he moved to Beverly Hills where neighbors unsuccessfully petitioned to prevent his becoming the first black resident. He left his law practice as a criminal defense attorney primarily representing African Americans accused of murder to become chief deputy district attorney for Los Angeles County in 1965. Months later Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown named him to the Superior Court and appointed him to serve on the McCone Commission which studied the causes of the Watts Riots.

Earl's daughter Elaine introduced him to a fellow teacher at Hoover Avenue School, Anna Hall Jack. Anna had moved to Los Angeles after graduating from the University of Pittsburgh. She was devoted to her students' success and took great pleasure in seeing them achieve positive results. She retired when she and Earl married, and together they funded the first endowed chair at Howard University's school of law with a \$1 million gift. In their retirement years the Broadys enjoyed travelling around the world and hosting lavish holiday parties.

Earl died in 1992, and Anna died in 2016. Their trust established The Earl and Anna Broady Foundation whose mission is to provide financial assistance to minority students having a demonstrated financial need who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree at a college or university located in the United States.

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