

Dedication

Ruma Haque

This revision of the Handbook is dedicated to the late Ruma Haque, who served as Board Attorney for the Hinds County Board of Supervisors until her untimely death in June 2001. A shining star in all that she brought to the legal profession, and a leader recognized by her peers on the county, state and national level, Ruma gave many of us that much-needed spark of enthusiasm. She had a hands-on approach to community service, and worked in the leadership of the Crossroads Film Society and the Mississippi Sports Foundation, to name just a few of the organizations enriched by her participation. She brought a wealth of talent to her local government law practice and was the right person at the right time in our state's largest county. She was never too busy to return a phone call, never hesitant to help run down a difficult legal point and always ready to share her work product with those of us who often called on her for help. It is with a sense of loss and admiration that this book is dedicated to the memory of my friend, Ruma.