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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES OF 1960s TO BE EXAMINED IN LECTURE AT EIU

CHARLESTON -- Civil rights issues of the 1960s will be re-examined Thursday (Nov. 20, 1997) when former Mississippi civil rights lawyer Ray Terry speaks on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

Terry, currently chief deputy counsel with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, will speak at 7 p.m. in Coleman Hall Auditorium. The lecture, presented by Eastern's recently formed law and society program, is being jointly sponsored by the College of Arts and Humanities, African American Studies, and the departments of history, political science and sociology.

Terry, born in Vicksburg, Mississippi, in the 1930s, was, 30 years later, a civil rights lawyer for the United States Justice Department. He worked on school desegregation cases and voting rights cases in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Topics for Terry's lecture will include the 1964 civil rights act and the 1965 voting rights act and their enforcement. Admission is free and open to the public.