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## **PRESS ADVISORY**

### **Emmy-nominated actor Victoria Rowell to speak at DC Courts**

-- Victoria Rowell, former foster child, will read from her memoir *The Women Who Raised Me* --

Published last month, Victoria Rowell's memoir tells the story of her years in foster care, having been born a ward of the State of Maine. The book honors the key women who fostered, mentored, and helped her to achieve success personally and professionally. On Tuesday she will be reading to a very special audience of current and former foster children, foster parents, family court judges, social workers, and court-appointed special advocates.

The non-profit organization **Friends of Superior Court** is donating copies of Rowell's book to foster children who attend the reading.

**WHAT:** Book-reading by Emmy-nominated actor, Congressional Angel of Adoption and eleven-time NAACP Image Award Recipient Victoria Rowell

**WHERE:** Moultrie Courthouse, Jurors Lounge- 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
500 Indiana Avenue, NW

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 22 at 4:30pm

**WHO:** **Actor and author Victoria Rowell, former foster child**  
**Chief Judge Rufus G. King III**  
**Family Court Presiding Judge Anita Josey-Herring**  
**Magistrate Judge S. Pamela Gray, former foster child**  
*D.C. foster children, former foster children and foster parents*

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