

**ANNIE LEE:** I am inspired by Marian Wright Edelman, who graduated from Yale Law School in the early 1960s when there were few women law students and certainly not very many women of color law students. Marian Wright Edelman blazed her own trail by graduating from Yale Law School and being the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar. As a young attorney, she directed the LDF office in Jackson. She confronted the racial and class injustice in America by serving as counsel for the Poor People's Campaign that Martin Luther King Jr. organized.

Her relentless advocacy continues to this day through her work as the president of the Children's Defense Fund. Marian Wright Edelman is courage realized. And for these reasons she inspires me to be a fearless woman of color attorney.