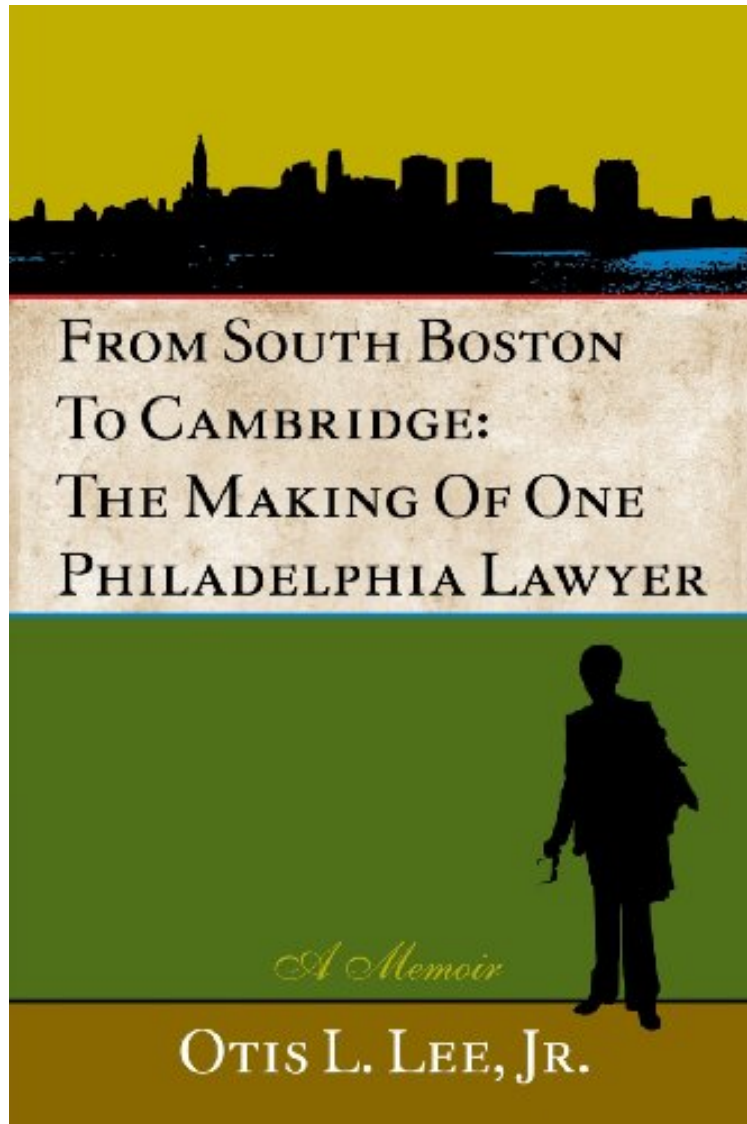


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About the Author In his memoir from South Boston to Cambridge, Otis L. Lee, Jr. Traces his family history, highlights various personal and professional experiences: From his childhood/adolescence in Charlottesville, Virginia In the 1960's to the history/genealogy of The Lee family; From his trials In Chicago as an Aspiring Lawyer to his triumphs in Philadelphia, and his return to the tranquility of his beloved Albemarle County. This is a story that involves courage, perseverance, business acumen and success, vividly described. Mr. Lee's story is a notable one expressing numerous philosophical insights From a variety of experiences.