

HENRY BASCOM STEAGALL II

Associate Justice - 1986-1995

BORN: September 4, 1922; Abbeville, Alabama

Henry Bascom Steagall II, son of the late Susan Koonce Steagall and Orlando Marvin Steagall, has followed a family tradition of public service. His uncle, for whom he was named, served in the United States Congress from 1914 until his death in 1943. His grandfather and great-grandfather served in the Alabama Legislature.

Justice Steagall is a graduate of Auburn University and the University of Alabama School of Law where he was a member of the Editorial Board of the Alabama Law Review. He has served as Alabama Bar Commissioner from the 33rd Judicial Circuit.

He began the practice of law in Ozark in 1951. He served in the Alabama Legislature from 1954 to 1970. From 1975 to 1979 he served as Executive Secretary to the Governor and from 1983 to 1986 as State Finance Director. He was appointed to the Supreme Court of Alabama by Governor George C. Wallace and assumed the office of Associate Justice on May 1, 1986. He was elected to that office in 1988 for a six year term. He retired on January 16, 1995.

Justice Steagall is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ozark. He was a member of the Auburn University Board of Trustees from 1981 to 1987 and has served as President Pro Tempore of the Auburn Board. He is a Navy veteran of three years active duty during World War II serving in the Pacific Theater.

Henry Bascom Steagall II is married to the former Frances Rector of Chilhowie, Virginia, and they have three children and seven grandchildren.

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