

# **ANNIE LOLA PRICE**

## **Court of Appeals/Criminal Appeals - 1951-1972**

*BORN: 1903; Cullman, Alabama*

*DIED: June 18, 1972; Montgomery, Alabama*

Annie Lola Price, a native of Cullman, Alabama, attended Athens College and Wheeler Business School in Birmingham. In the 1920s she worked for A. A. Griffith and Joel Bascom Brown in Cullman, where she studied law and became a member of the bar in 1928. She practiced law and was later appointed court reporter in the old 8th Judicial Circuit.

Coming to Montgomery in 1947 with the Folsom administration, Price later served as legal advisor to Governor Jim Folsom, who appointed her to the Court of Appeals on January 12, 1951, to succeed Charles R. Bricken. Biographers note that this was 15 years before women were allowed to serve on juries in Alabama. She also holds the distinction of being the first woman to ever serve on an Alabama appellate court.

From 1951 to 1962 Judge Price served as associate judge of the Court of Appeals. She became presiding judge in 1962 and continued in that capacity when Court of Appeals became the Court of Criminal Appeals in 1969. She served there until her death.

Having earned her pilot's license in the 1930s, Judge Price was a member of the Ninety-Nines, an international organization for women pilots. She served as president of the Alabama Women Lawyers Association and was a member of the National Association of Women Lawyers.

*Portrait by Marguerite Edwards, b. 1943  
Oil on canvas, circa 1972*