

AUBREY MARION CATES, JR.
Court of Appeals/Criminal Appeals - 1956-1977

BORN: March 5, 1909; , Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

DIED: June 14, 1977; Asheville, North Carolina

Aubrey Cates grew up and attended school in Louisville, Kentucky. He earned his B.A. from the University of Louisville in 1929. A Rhodes Scholar, he earned a B.A. in Jurisprudence from Oxford University in 1932, later serving as law clerk to William Marshall Bullitt, a former United States Solicitor General under President Taft. In 1933 he was admitted to the Kentucky bar. From 1933 until 1940 he worked as an attorney for the Public Works Administration and from 1940 to 1942, for the Maritime Commission.

Admitted to the Alabama bar in 1937, Cates began practicing law in Montgomery in 1942. From 1943 to 1946 he served on active duty in the Navy. He then returned to Montgomery and joined the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, where he served as general counsel. In 1949 he re-entered the private practice of law.

In November of 1956, Cates was elected associate judge of the Court of Appeals and served out the unexpired term of Judge Robert B. Carr. He served on that court until 1969, at which time he became an associate judge on the successor Court of Criminal Appeals. From 1972 to 1976, he served as that court's presiding judge.

Aubrey Marion Cates, Jr., married Dorothy Bear of Montgomery on May 8, 1939. They had three children.

*Portrait by Marguerite Edwards, b. 1943
Oil on canvas, circa 1975*

Note: Portrait presented to Court of Criminal Appeals on August 30, 1977.