

CHAMP LYONS, JR.
Associate Justice - 1998-

BORN: December 6, 1940 - Boston, Massachusetts

Champ Lyons, Jr., son of the late Dr. Champ Lyons and the late Naomi Currier Lyons, attended public schools in Birmingham. He graduated from Harvard University and from the University of Alabama School of Law.

Justice Lyons served as law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Daniel H. Thomas. He was in the private practice of law in Montgomery, additionally serving as editor of the Young Lawyers' Newsletter. In 1971, following the conferring of rule-making power to the Alabama Supreme Court, a committee was appointed to propose rules of civil procedure. Justice Lyons was asked to serve as Reporter, the person responsible for coordinating research and drafting the rules for review. These were adopted by the Court in 1973. Justice Lyons was named to the Supreme Court's advisory committee on the newly-created district courts, and was principal author of the district court rules and small claims court rules. His treatise on civil procedure, *Alabama Practice*, is now in its third edition and is frequently cited as authoritative by the Supreme Court of Alabama and the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals.

Justice Lyons practiced law in Mobile from 1976 until January 1998, at which time he became Legal Advisor to Governor Fob James, Jr. On March 23, 1998, he was appointed to serve as an Associate Justice on the Alabama Supreme Court.

Justice Lyons is a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Mobile. He is married to the former Emilee Oswalt of Mobile, and they have two children: Emily Olive Lyons and Champ Lyons, III.

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