

CHARLES ALLEN THIGPEN

Associate Judge - Court of Civil Appeals - 1991 - 1997

BORN: December 7, 1941 - Greensboro, Alabama

Charles A. Thigpen was born in Hale County, one of three sons of Rosalie J. and Francis Marion Thigpen. A 1960 graduate of Greensboro High School, he received his B.S. from the University of Alabama in 1964. Following graduation, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, serving tours during the Vietnam conflict, where he was awarded the Bronze Star, the Vietnamese Service Medal (U.S.), and the Vietnamese Campaign Medal (RVN). He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserve. He received his J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1972.

Judge Thigpen was in the private practice of law in Tuscaloosa and Greensboro, additionally serving as Special Assistant Attorney General, Hale County District Attorney, County Attorney, and Municipal Judge for the City of Greensboro. In 1982, he was elected District and Juvenile Court Judge of Hale County. He held that position until 1987, when he was elected Circuit Judge of the 4th Judicial Circuit, serving as Presiding Judge his last two years. In 1990, he was elected to the Court of Civil Appeals, and served as an Associate Judge from 1991 until 1997.

Judge Thigpen is a member of a number of legal associations, as well as community and civic organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, where he was an Eagle Scout, former Scoutmaster, and a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award for outstanding volunteer service.

Judge Thigpen is married to the former Peggy Whittington of Tuscaloosa. They have two children, Christopher and Margaret, and several grandchildren. The Thigpens are members of the First United Methodist Church of Greensboro.

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