

## **FRANCIS ALLEN LONG, SR.**

**Associate Judge - 1995-1997**

**Presiding Judge - 1997-2001**

*BORN: June 12, 1928 - Tarrant City, Alabama*

Francis Allen Long, Sr., grew up in Lauderdale and Colbert counties. He graduated from Coffee High School in Florence, and earned his bachelor's degree from Florence State Teachers College. Judge Long and his brother formed a construction company partnership in 1947, and Judge Long has served as its president since its incorporation.

Although desiring to study law, pressing family and business demands prevented him from pursuing the law until 1981, at which time he entered the Birmingham School of Law, and was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1985. He was in the private practice of law until 1991, at which time he was appointed Circuit Judge, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. He later served as Chief Legal Advisor to Governor Guy Hunt.

In 1994, Judge Long was elected as an Associate Judge on the Court of Criminal Appeals, serving as its Presiding Judge (and its first Republican Presiding Judge) until his retirement in 2001. A member of the American Bar Association, the Alabama State Bar, the Lauderdale County Bar Association, the American Judges Association, and the Alabama Cattleman's Association, he has also been quite active in various community activities, including the Florence/Lauderdale County Port Authority.

Judge Long is married to the former Katherine Daniel of the Union Chapel community in Walker County. They have three children: Ralph; F. Allen, Jr.; and Melissa; and a multitude of grandchildren.

*Portrait by FRANK TAURIELLO, American, born 1927  
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