

## **JAMES H. FRY**

**Associate Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals - 1999-2001**

*BORN: November 9, 1950 - Athens, Alabama*

James H. Fry, a native of Athens, Alabama, graduated from Athens High School in 1969. Following one year of junior college, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, volunteering for infantry, airborne, and special forces training. He served during the Vietnam Era with the U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Berets) and with the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Following his Honorable Discharge in 1973 at the rank of sergeant, he served as a Judge Advocate with the Alabama Army National Guard.

Judge Fry graduated from John C. Calhoun Community College in Decatur in 1975, and from Athens State College in 1976. He received his J.D. from Cumberland School of Law in 1979.

Judge Fry was appointed as District Attorney of Limestone County in 1982, and was reelected to that position until his appointment to the Court of Criminal Appeals in 1999. A very involved individual, Judge Fry is a former President of the Alabama District Attorney's Association and member of the National District Attorney Association, as well as a founding member of the Alabama Narcotics Officer's Association and the Northwest Alabama Drug Task Force. He is a former co-chairperson of the U.S. Attorney's Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee and former board member of Athens City Schools. He was co-chairman of Lt. Gov. Don Siegelman's Task Force on Youth Violence, and a founding member of the Children's First Foundation of Alabama.

Judge Fry is married to Penny Dunlap of Selma. He has one daughter, Erin. Judge Fry is a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church of Athens, Alabama.