

JANIE LEDLOW SHORES

Associate Justice - 1975-1999

BORN: April 30, 1932; Butler County, Alabama

Janie Ledlow Shores, daughter of John Wesley and Willie Scott Ledlow, attended public schools, Judson College, and received her B.A. from Samford University, J.D. from the University of Alabama Law School, and completed her LLM at the University of Virginia.

Justice Shores began her legal career prior to law school when she served as a legal secretary in Mobile. She practiced law in Selma, and was law clerk to the late Justice Robert T. Simpson of the Alabama Supreme Court. She served on the legal staff of Liberty National Life Insurance Company; the faculty of Cumberland School of Law as the school's first woman law professor; as legal advisor to the Alabama Constitutional Revision Commission in 1973; and as a member of the National Advisory Council on State Court Planning in 1976.

Justice Shores was elected to the Alabama Supreme Court in 1974, becoming the first woman justice to sit on the Alabama Supreme Court. She was reelected to serve in that capacity until her retirement in 1999.

Justice Shores is a member of the Alabama and American Bar Associations, the American Judicature Society, the Farrah Order of Jurisprudence, an honorary member of Sigma Delta Kappa legal fraternity, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame. In 1994, she was appointed by President Clinton to the Board of the national State Justice Institute.

Justice Shores, an Episcopalian, was married to the late James L. Shores, Jr., and they have one daughter, Laura Scott Shores, who is a lawyer in Washington, D.C.

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