

## **L. CHARLES WRIGHT**

**Associate Judge - Court of Civil Appeals - 1969-1972**

**Presiding Judge - Court of Civil Appeals - 1972-1987**

*BORN: May 14, 1922 - Etowah County, Alabama*

*DIED: November 27, 2001 - Montgomery, Alabama*

L. Charles Wright was born in Etowah County, Alabama, the son of the former L.C. and Elizabeth (McBrayer) Wright. A graduate of the Etowah County public schools and Auburn University, he received his law degree from the University of Alabama.

Judge Wright served in the U.S. Navy, and retired as a Commander, USNR. In addition to the private practice of law, Judge Wright served as Circuit Solicitor of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, and as a State Representative from Etowah County.

Judge Wright was appointed to the Court of Civil Appeals in 1969, and elected to that Court in 1970. He was reelected in 1974, 1980, and 1986. He became the presiding judge in 1972, and served in that capacity until his retirement. The 1973 Constitution created the Court of the Judiciary. Judge Wright was appointed by the Supreme Court to serve as its Chief Judge, and tried every Court of the Judiciary case until his retirement.

Judge Wright served as a member of the Farrah Order of Jurisprudence, Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, the Alabama and American Bar Associations, and the VFW.

Judge Wright and his wife, the former Maxine McClendon, attended the Baptist church, and have three children, nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

*Studio portrait by Leon Loard, circa 1998*