

MARK KENNEDY

Associate Justice - 1989-1999

BORN: May 5, 1952 - Greenville, Alabama

Mark Kennedy, the son of Douglas Mayo and Marjorie Watts Kennedy, attended the public schools of Greenville. He graduated from Auburn University in 1973, and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree, cum laude, from Cumberland School of Law in 1977.

Justice Kennedy served as a law clerk and staff attorney for Judge John P. DeCarlo of the Court of Criminal Appeals. In 1978, he was appointed judge of the District Court for Montgomery County, and was elected to that position in 1980. While there, he was specially assigned as a full-time Family Court and Juvenile Court Judge for the 15th Judicial Circuit. In 1983, he was appointed as a circuit judge for the 15th Judicial Circuit, and was elected to that position in 1984. In 1988, Justice Kennedy was elected as an Associate Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, reelected in 1994, and retired from that position in 1999.

Nationally renowned for his expertise in issues relating to families, children, and child abuse prevention, Justice Kennedy serves voluntarily as Founding Chairman of the Children's Trust Fund for the State of Alabama, as well as Founder and Chairman of the Board of the Corporate Foundation for Children, Founder of Alabama Lawyers for Children, and a number of other similar groups. He also serves on the Board of the Alabama Heart Association and the State of Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission.

Justice Kennedy is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Montgomery. He is married to the former Peggy Sue Wallace, and they have two children: Leigh Chancellor Kennedy and Morgan Burns Kennedy.

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