

RICHARD L. JONES

Associate Justice - 1972-1990

BORN: March 3, 1923; Carrollton, Alabama

DIED: April 22, 1996; Birmingham, Alabama

Justice Richard L. Jones, a resident of Birmingham, was born on a farm in Pickens County. He received his law degree from the University of Alabama in 1949. He served two tours of active duty with the Army, had continuous Army Reserve service with the Judge Advocate General Corps, and retired with the rank of Colonel in 1979.

Justice Jones's legal career has many facets. He practiced law for twenty-four years in Aliceville, Bessemer, and Birmingham and played a vital role in many state and national legal organizations. He was elected to the Alabama Supreme Court in 1972 and reelected in 1978 and 1984. Although he retired from active service in January 1991, he continued to serve the Court in several capacities until his death.

During his tenure on the Court, Justice Jones was a member of both the Alabama Code Revision Committee and the Alabama Judicial Conference.

At the national level, Justice Jones was the chairperson of the Appellate Judges Conference of the American Bar Association, where he served as editor and co-author of the ***Judicial Opinion Writing Manual***. He also served for sixteen years as one of Alabama's commissioners to the Uniform State Laws Conference and was a member of the executive committee.

Justice Jones was married to the former Jean Leslie. They had three children and five grandchildren.