

SAMUEL ALSTON BEATTY

Associate Justice - 1976-1989

BORN: April 23, 1923; Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Samuel Alston Beatty, a 1939 graduate of Tuscaloosa High School, served as a combat pilot in the Army Air Corps in the South Pacific during World War II. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1948 and his law degree in 1953 from the University of Alabama. Thereafter, he was graduated from Columbia University, which awarded him the LL.M. degree in 1959 and J.S.D. degree in 1964.

During his legal career, Justice Beatty both practiced and taught law. He served as a law professor at the University of Alabama Law School from 1955 to 1970 and served as Dean of the Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University. He also taught at the University of Cincinnati Law School.

After being elected to a full term on the Alabama Supreme Court in 1976, Justice Beatty was appointed by Governor George C. Wallace to fill the unexpired term of Pelham Merrill in May 1976. He served on the Supreme Court until his retirement in 1989.

Samuel Alston Beatty is married to Maude Applegate of Tuscaloosa. They have two children, both of whom are lawyers.