

THOMAS ERIC EMBRY

Associate Justice - 1975-1985

BORN: June 14, 1921; Pell City, Alabama
DIED: January 12, 1992; Pell City, Alabama

Justice Thomas Eric Embry earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Alabama after having served in the United States infantry in the Pacific during World War II. In 1947 he began practicing law with his father in Pell City. He represented the ***New York Times*** before the United States Supreme Court in ***New York Times v. Sullivan***, the case that set the standard by which many libel cases are judged today.

In November of 1974, Embry was elected to serve on the Alabama Supreme Court, succeeding Justice Daniel T. McCall, Jr., who retired at the end of his term. Justice Embry was reelected in 1982 and retired in 1985 to return to the private practice of law.

A fellow in the International Society of Barristers, Justice Embry was also a past president of the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association and a member of the American Judicature Society.

Justice Embry was married to Bedford Heard Stall of Savannah, Georgia. They had two daughters and five grandchildren.