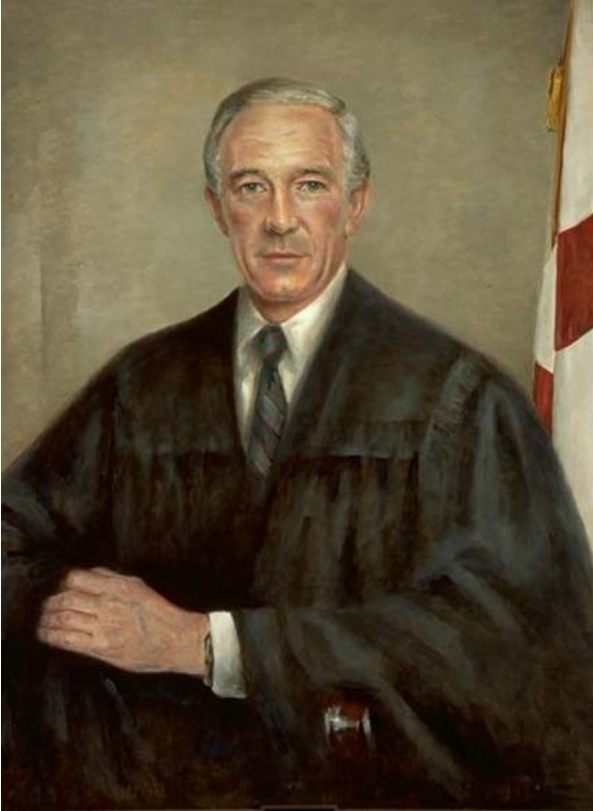


CLEMENT CLAY “BO” TORBERT, JR.

Twenty-fifth Chief Justice: 1977-1989

BORN: August 31, 1929; Opelika, Alabama

DIED: June 2, 2018; Opelika, Alabama



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A native of Lee County, C. C. "Bo" Torbert, Jr., attended the Opelika public schools. He attended Auburn University, receiving his bachelor's degree in 1951. He then spent a year at the University of Maryland Law School and graduated from the University of Alabama Law School in 1954.

For twenty-three years, Torbert practiced law in Opelika. In 1958, he was elected to represent Lee County in the state legislature. In 1966 and again in 1974, he was elected to the Alabama Senate. The Capitol Press Corps named him "most outstanding freshman legislator" in 1959 and "most effective senator" ten years later.

Elected Chief Justice in the November 1976 general election, Torbert assumed that office on January 17, 1977; he was re-elected in 1982, but declined to run for a third term. In 2005, the Judicial Building was named the Heflin-Torbert Judicial Building in his honor and that of Chief Justice Heflin.

Following his two terms as chief justice, Torbert held the Leslie S. Wright Chair of Law at Cumberland School of Law and the John Sparkman Chair of Law at the University of Alabama School of Law, while devoting himself to the private practice of law.

Torbert married the former Gene Hurt of Auburn and they had three children.

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