

CHARLES R. MALONE

31st Chief Justice: 2011– 2013

BORN: January 27, 1954; Tuscaloosa, Alabama



Born January 27, 1954, in Tuscaloosa, Charles R. Malone attended public schools in Tuscaloosa and graduated from Tuscaloosa High School in 1972. He received his B.S. in Commerce and Business Administration from the University of Alabama in 1976.

Malone earned his Juris Doctorate at Cumberland School of Law in 1981. After being admitted to the Alabama State Bar, He entered private practice in his hometown of Tuscaloosa and practiced law for twenty years, handling cases in both state and federal courts.

In 2000, Malone was elected as a circuit judge in the Sixth Judicial Circuit and was re-elected in 2006. During his terms as circuit judge, he was elected twice by the judges of the Sixth Circuit to be presiding judge, once in 2003 and again in 2010. In January 2011, Chief Justice Malone left the circuit bench to serve as Chief of Staff for Governor Robert Bentley.

Malone was appointed Chief Justice by Governor Bentley on August 1, 2011. He sought election as Chief Justice but was defeated in the Republican Primary by former Chief Justice Roy Moore on March 13, 2012.

Chief Justice Malone is married to the former Terri Avery. They are the parents of two adult children.

The Judicial Department does not have a portrait of Chief Justice Malone at this time.