

**J. GORMAN HOUSTON, JR.**  
**Associate Justice - 1985-2003, 2004-2005**  
**Twenty-ninth Chief Justice - 2003-2004**  
*BORN: March 11, 1933 - Eufaula, Alabama*

J. Gorman Houston, Jr., son of the late Gorman Houston and Mildred Vance Houston, attended the public schools of Eufaula. He received his B.S. degree from Auburn University and his J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law, where, among other things, he was a member of Farrah Order of Jurisprudence. He served as law clerk for Chief Justice J. Ed Livingston, and as a judge advocate in the United States Air Force. After practicing law in Eufaula for 25 years, he was appointed to the position of Associate Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court in 1985, elected to that position in 1986, and was reelected in 1992 and 1998. On August 22, 2003, he assumed the position of Acting Chief Justice and served as such until June 22, 2004, when he resumed his position as Senior Associate Justice until his retirement in 2005.

Active in various legal organizations, Houston served as president of the Barbour County Bar Association; as Bar Commissioner for the Third Judicial Circuit; as a Bar Examiner; and as one of three members of the Alabama State Bar Disciplinary Commission. He is a life member of the Fellows of the American Bar Association and the Fellows of the Alabama Bar Association. He serves as a member of the Alabama Commission on Uniform State Laws. He is a Distinguished Eagle Scout. In 2004, he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Huntingdon College.

Justice Houston is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Montgomery.

Justice Houston is married to the former Martha Martin of Clayton, and they have two children: Mildred Vance Houston and the Reverend Doctor J. Gorman Houston, III.

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