

**ORMOND SOMERVILLE, JR.**  
**Associate Justice - 1972**

*BORN: July 20, 1904; Tuscaloosa, Alabama*

The son and grandson of Alabama Supreme Court Justices, Ormond Somerville earned his baccalaureate degree in 1924 and his law degree in 1926 from the University of Alabama. He began practicing law in 1926 with the firm of Lange, Simpson & Brantley and has continued with that firm (now Lange, Simpson, Robinson & Somerville) to the present.

With the retirement of Associate Justice Thomas S. Lawson in 1972, Governor George C. Wallace appointed Somerville in August of that year as Lawson's successor. Somerville resigned in December, 1972, to return to his law practice in Birmingham.

Somerville's numerous civic activities include twenty years of service on the Birmingham Library Board, including one term—1949-1950—as its president. He served on the Mountain Brook City Council from 1950 to 1953 and is a longstanding member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. In 1987 the Birmingham Bar Association selected him “Lawyer of the Year.”

Ormond Somerville, Jr., married (1) Susan Porter and (2) Martha McDavid. He has four children.