

## **RICHARD L. HOLMES**

**Associate Judge - Court of Civil Appeals - 1972-1988**

**Presiding Judge - Court of Civil Appeals - 1988-1989**

*BORN: January 1, 1937 - Birmingham, Alabama*

*DIED: May 2, 2000 - Montgomery, Alabama*

Richard L. Holmes was born in Birmingham, Alabama, and raised in Mobile, Alabama. He attended Rhodes College and received his B.A. from the University of Alabama, and his LL.B. from the University of Alabama School of Law. He served in various teaching capacities at the University of Alabama School of Law, Huntingdon College, Jones School of Law, and Auburn University at Montgomery.

Judge Holmes served in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the United States Army prior to entering the private practice of law. He additionally served as a reading clerk for the Alabama Senate, as the Director of the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, and as Legal Advisor to Governor Albert P. Brewer.

Judge Holmes was elected to the Court of Civil Appeals in 1972, and served until his retirement in 1989. He further served as Chief Judge of the Court of the Judiciary from 1987-1989. He served on many judicial committees, including the Judicial Inquiry Commission, the Advisory Commission for the Canons of Judicial Ethics, and as Vice Chairman of the Judicial Campaign Oversight Committee.

Judge Holmes was a co-author of Civics and Law, a textbook. He served as a Trustee for the University of Alabama system from 1997 until his death.

Judge Holmes was married to the former Jacqueline Ferguson of Forrest City, Arkansas. They had two daughters: Ashton, an attorney, and Lee, an artist.

*Studio portrait by Leon Loard, circa 1998*