

ROBERT BERNARD HARWOOD

Associate Justice - 1962-1975

BORN: June 4, 1902; Eutaw, Alabama
DIED: October 29, 1991; Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Robert Bernard Harwood earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Alabama. Admitted to the bar in 1926, he began practicing law in Tuscaloosa the following year. He later attended Harvard Law School and was awarded his LL.M. in 1932.

From 1927 to 1931, Harwood represented Tuscaloosa County in the state legislature. He was Assistant United States Attorney from 1933 to 1935, resigning in order to accept a teaching position at the University of Alabama Law School. In 1937 he was named assistant dean of the law school, and in 1942 he was elected Attorney General. He did not assume that office until September of 1945, however, because of his military service in World War II.

Harwood was appointed by Governor Chauncey M. Sparks to the Court of Appeals in October, 1945, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge James Rice; from 1955 until 1962 he was presiding judge of that court. In 1962, after being elected to the Supreme Court of Alabama, he was appointed by Governor John M. Patterson to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Associate Justice Davis F. Stakely. Re-elected twice, Justice Harwood retired from the Court in 1975.

In 1926 Robert Bernard Harwood married Mary Lee Leach of Tuscaloosa. They had two children.