

SUE BELL COBB

Thirtieth Chief Justice: 2007-2011

Court of Criminal Appeals: 1994-2007

BORN: March 3, 1956, Evergreen, Alabama



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Sue Bell Cobb, thirtieth chief justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama, was born in Evergreen, Alabama. Cobb graduated from the University of Alabama, where she earned a degree in history. In 1981, she earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Alabama School of Law.

Immediately following her admission to the Bar, Cobb was appointed as District Judge of Conecuh County, becoming one of the State's youngest judges. She was elected to that position in 1982 and re-elected in 1988. During her tenure on the bench, Judge Cobb accepted trial court assignments in approximately forty counties.

In 1994, Judge Cobb ran for and was elected to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals, the first woman to be elected to that Court. In 2006, she ran and was elected as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama. When she took office in 2007, she was the first woman in Alabama to hold that office.

In 1997, she was appointed by the Supreme Court of Alabama to serve as the Alternate Chief Judge of the Court of the Judiciary. Justice Cobb is also a faculty member in the Alabama Judicial College. She is married to William J. Cobb, Executive Director of Governmental Affairs of Bell South. They have three children and four grandchildren.