

ORMOND SOMERVILLE, JR.

Associate Justice: 1972

BORN: July 20, 1904; Tuscaloosa, Alabama

DIED: March 21, 1998; Birmingham, Alabama



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A native of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Ormond Somerville, Jr., was the son of former Associate Justice Ormond Somerville, Sr. and Bessie Edgar Somerville. The family moved to Montgomery in 1910, when his father became an associate justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama.

Somerville attended the University of Alabama from 1920 to 1926, earning a Liberal Arts and Law Degrees. He practiced law in Birmingham as a partner at Lange, Simpson, Robinson, and Somerville.

Governor George C. Wallace appointed Somerville as Associate Justice Thomas S. Lawson's successor to the Supreme Court of Alabama effective August 3, 1972. He resigned effective December 1, 1972, to return to his law practice in Birmingham, Alabama. He remained with his law firm until 1992. In 1987, the Birmingham Bar Association selected him "Lawyer of the Year."

Somerville was twice married. First, he married Susan Porter, and second he married Martha McDavid. He had a total of four children.

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