

TERRY LUCAS BUTTS

Associate Justice: 1995-1998

BORN: 1944; Patsburg, Alabama



***Portrait by LINDY BRUGGINK,
American, 1950-***

Oil on Canvas

***Portrait Owned by Hon. Terry and
Suzanne Butts***

A native of Patsburg, Alabama, Terry Lucas Butts attended public schools in Luverne, Alabama. He earned a B.S. from Troy State University and a J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law.

Butts entered the private practice of law in Elba, Alabama while also serving as city judge, and later as a judge of the Coffee County court (which later became the district court). In 1976, he was elected judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit covering Pike and Coffee counties.

In 1994, Butts was elected to the Supreme Court of Alabama as an associate justice and served on the bench from January 16, 1995. He retired on March 22, 1998.

Butts served as a legal lecturer/teacher at Enterprise State Junior College. In 1994, he received the Outstanding Alumni Award from Troy University, and in 1997, he received the University of Alabama School of Law Phi Alpha Delta Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Butts married Suzanne Crowley Carroll, and they have two children: Kells Chilton Carroll III and Casey Lyle Carroll.