

PATRICIA M. SMITH

Associate Justice: 2005-2011

BORN: 1952; Rhein-Main Air Base, Frankfurt, Germany



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Being in a military family, Patricia M. Smith, grew up in several cities, and finished high school in Montgomery, Alabama. She graduated from Troy University in 1973, and graduated from Jones Law School in 1976.

Smith practiced law in Pelham, Alabama in 1976. She was the first female Assistant District Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, and she served from 1976-1980.

She was appointed District Court Judge in Shelby County in 1980, and was elected to the bench that same year, serving as the Presiding District Court Judge. She was re-elected as district judge in 1986, 1992, and 1998. Smith was elected to the Supreme Court of Alabama as an associate justice in 2004.

She served as Chairman of the Commission of the Future of the Juvenile Justice System, the Interagency Conference on Youth, and as a member of the Alabama Judicial Study Commission on Sentencing. In 2001, she was named the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Judge of the Year for her innovative commitment to issues involving children and families.

Justice Smith married Jerry Smith, and they have two children.