

SAMUEL ALSTON BEATTY

Associate Justice: 1976-1989

BORN: April 23, 1923; Tuscaloosa, Alabama

DIED: May 21, 2014; Birmingham, Alabama



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A native of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Samuel Alston Beatty, graduated from Tuscaloosa High school in 1939. He served as a combat pilot in the Army Air Corps in the South Pacific during World War II. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1948 and a law degree in 1953 from the University of Alabama. Afterwards, he attended Columbia University, earning a LL.M. in 1959 and a J.S.D. in 1964.

Beatty both practiced and taught law. He served as a law professor at the University of Alabama Law School from 1965 to 1970, and served as Dean of the Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University. He taught at the University of Cincinnati Law School. He wrote articles published in legal and professional journals throughout the country.

Beatty was appointed by Governor George C. Wallace to fill the unexpired term of Pelham Merrill in May 1976. He was elected to a full term on the Supreme Court of Alabama in 1976. He retired from the Court in 1989.

Beatty married Maude Applegate of Tuscaloosa, and they had two children.

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