

BIOGRAPHY OF BRAXTON L. KITTRELL, JR.

Braxton Kittrell was born in Mobile, Alabama on March 5, 1943. He attended public schools in Mobile and graduated from Murphy High School in 1961. He attended the University of Alabama for undergraduate and law school, graduating in January, 1967 with a J.D. degree. He began his public career by running for circuit judge in Mobile County in 1976, was elected and began serving in January, 1977. He ran unopposed and was re-elected for three additional terms of office in 1982, 1988 and 1994. He retired as a circuit judge in April, 1999 and reentered the private practice of law.

Kittrell became presiding circuit judge in January, 1989 and served in that capacity until his retirement. He still serves as an active/retired judge in cases around the State of Alabama by appointment of the Chief Justice, and served by joint appointment of the Chief Justice and the Governor as Special Supreme Court Justice in 2004 in the case of *Roy S. Moore vs. The Judicial Inquiry Commission of the State of Alabama*.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 1969-77 Engaged in the private practice of law in Mobile, AL with emphasis on litigation.
- 1977-April, 1999 Circuit Judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Alabama handling civil and criminal cases, and serving as Presiding Judge from 1989-99.
- 1999-Present Engaged in the private practice of law in Mobile, AL with emphasis on arbitration and mediation, and serving on an *ad hoc* basis as circuit judge in the State of Alabama by appointment from the Chief Justice.

ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

- PRESIDENT, Young Lawyers Section, Mobile Bar Association, 1975-76.
- PRESIDENT, International Academy of Trial Judges, 1982-83.

- CHAIRMAN, Regional Planning and Advisory Board for Region Six, Alabama Law Enforcement Planning Agency 1980-83 (appointed by Governor); MEMBER, Executive Committee of State Supervisory Board of Alabama Law Enforcement Planning Agency, 1980-83.
- MEMBER, Judicial Inquiry Commission of the State of Alabama, 1987-99; CHAIRMAN, 1995-99.
- CHAIRMAN, Sentencing and Corrections Committee, American Bar Association, Judicial Administration Division, 1993-97.
- MEMBER, Executive Committee, National Conference of State Trial Judges, American Bar Association, 1995-98.
- PRESIDENT, Alabama Association of Circuit Judges, 1996-97.
- RECIPIENT, University of Cincinnati Award in Corrections, 1999.
- MEMBER, Alabama Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Criminal Procedure, 1997-99.
- MEMBER, Alabama State Bar Judicial Liaison Committee, 2007-2008
- CHAIRMAN, Alabama State Ethics Commission (confirmed by Alabama Senate in May, 2008 for a term expiring in 2012)

MEMBERSHIPS

- American, Alabama and Mobile Bar Associations
- Alabama Association of Circuit Judges
- International Academy of State Trial Judges
- American Judicature Society