

Judge J. Langford Floyd (ret)

Judge Lang Floyd served 4 years as District Judge, followed by 16 years as Circuit Judge in Baldwin County, Alabama, retiring in December 2016. He served his last 2 years as presiding judge. After retiring from the bench, Judge Floyd returned to private practice, concentrating in mediation and arbitration matters. He currently manages a statewide mediation practice from his hometown of Fairhope.

During his 20 years as a trial judge, Judge Floyd presided over more than 6000 civil jury cases, including over 200 jury and 750 non-jury trials, including complex civil litigation cases. Many of the trials included catastrophic injuries related to products liability, medical malpractice, and vehicular collisions. He also presided over construction defect claims, municipal liability and general civil litigation. A large number of the civil jury cases involved condominium and home owners' associations with substantial and complex construction defect claims.

During his tenure on the bench, Judge Floyd served for 10 years as Chair of the Alabama Court Technology Commission, during the initial development and implementation of the Alacourt and Alafile electronic filing system. In 2015, he was honored for his contributions to the court system by being awarded the Alabama State Bar Judicial Award of Merit.

In 2019, Chief Justice Parker activated Judge Floyd to be the liaison for the court system to the state legislature, specifically dealing with the court budget and other financial court legislation. In 2020, Judge Floyd began his second 3-year term as an Alabama State Bar Commissioner, representing Baldwin County, Alabama.

In June 2020, the Supreme Court retained Judge Floyd to manage the court system's \$10,000,000 reimbursement budget of COVID-19 funds under the federal Cares Act as well as developing and assisting in the plan for re-opening the Alabama state trial court system.

Judge Floyd continues to maintain a full time mediation/arbitration practice.

Judge Floyd also served 28 years in the Army Reserves as a Judge Advocate General, retiring at the rank of lieutenant colonel in 2016. He and his wife, Debbie, have been married 40 years and have 2 daughters, Amanda and Allison, and one granddaughter, Mattie Gabel Canida.

Professional Profile

- 2018 Fellow, Alabama Law Foundation
- 2017 Howell Heflin Honesty & Integrity in the Professional Award Recipient
- 2015 Alabama State Bar Judicial Award of Merit Recipient
- Bar Commissioner for Baldwin County, Alabama State Bar (2017-present)
- Advisory Committee of the Alabama Rules of Evidence of the Alabama State Bar
- Past member, Education and Executive Boards of the Alabama Circuit Judge's Association
- Past chair, Court Technology Commission for the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts (2005-2016)

Admissions

- All State Courts in Alabama (1984)
- All State Courts in Florida (1986)
- United States District Court Southern District of Alabama

- United States District Court Northern District of Florida
- United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

Education

Troy University, Troy, Alabama, B.S. in Business Administration/Accounting (1978)

Cumberland School of Law, Samford University, J.D. (1984)

Alumnus of the National Judicial College (1997)