

Welcome New Jurors

You have been summoned to render an important service as a juror. You have enjoyed the privileges of citizenship and the protection of your liberties and property by the government. As a juror, you are part of the judicial system of our state and will serve as an officer of the Court along with the judges and lawyers. Your service as a juror is as important as those of the judge. You are obligated to perform this service honestly and conscientiously, without fear or favor.

The purpose of this booklet is to help you understand the procedure in the Circuit Court of Mobile County, Alabama, and to enable you better to do your part in administering justice. In the case in which you sit as a juror, the judge will give you instructions as to the law applicable to that case.

THE INFORMATION IN THIS BOOKLET DOES NOT TAKE THE PLACE OF SUCH INSTRUCTIONS.

We hope that your service as a trial juror will be both interesting and informative. The Circuit Court Judges and their staffs will make every effort to make it a pleasant experience.

Charles A. Graddick
Presiding Circuit Judge
Thirteenth Judicial Circuit
State of Alabama

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Why A Trial By Jury

Trial by jury is deeply established in the American judicial system and guarantees are found both in the federal and state constitutions.

"In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall happen, ..."

United States Constitution

Amendment VI

"In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved ..."

United States Constitution

Amendment VII

Types of Courts

Those cases not referred to in the United States Constitution or granted to the federal court system by laws of Congress fall under the jurisdiction of the fifty separate state court systems.

The Alabama state court system is divided into three types of courts based on jurisdiction:

1. Courts of appellate jurisdiction include the Alabama Supreme Court, the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals, and the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals. These courts hear appeals for review of decisions made in a lower court. These courts can only review alleged errors made by trial judges and do not alter findings of fact made by juries.
2. The Circuit Courts of Alabama are courts of general jurisdiction and are divided into numbered judicial circuits composed of one or more counties. The Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Alabama consists of Mobile County as a one-county circuit and has eleven circuit judges.
3. Courts of limited and special jurisdiction include District Courts, Probate Courts, and Municipal Courts.

Empanelment and Service

On the first day of jury service, after changes of address and occupation are posted to the records, a judge will conduct the empanelling process. The empanelling judge will inquire into the qualifications of all prospective jurors and administer the oath of office. Jurors will then be placed in panels of fifteen and assigned a row and seat in Jury Assembly.

Qualification and Selection of Jurors

Our jury list consists of names randomly selected from the drivers' license list of licensed motor vehicle operators kept by the Department of Public Safety in Montgomery. Until a few years ago, many persons, due to their age or profession, were exempt from jury service. The legislature of Alabama abolished these exemptions. Now no person is exempt by reason of old age or profession.

In general, a juror must have the following qualifications:

1. Be 19 years of age or older.
2. Be a citizen of the United States.
3. Be a resident of Mobile County for more than 12 months.
4. Read, speak, understand and follow instructions given in the English language.
5. Be physically and mentally able to perform satisfactory jury service.
6. Have not lost the right to vote by conviction for an offense involving moral turpitude.

A person who is qualified for jury service may be excused by making a showing to the Court of undue hardship, extreme inconvenience or public necessity.

At the end of the initial qualification session, the judge will ask those persons seeking to be excused to make such a showing. A person so excused will probably be rescheduled for jury service at a later time.

Term of Service

Jurors are summoned for service in the Circuit Court of Mobile County for a one-week term. Generally, no cases are scheduled to begin on Friday. Your jury service will end after Thursday unless you are serving as a juror on a case that will continue on Friday. Some cases, however, may last more than one week. These are rare instances that, nevertheless, do occur.

Parking

Parking in the downtown area is very limited. The Civic Center parking lot has parking for jurors for \$2 per day. The lot is located off Claiborne Street near Civic Center Drive. There are other lots near the Government Plaza and the day-rates vary.

PARKING ON THE STREET IS NOT ADVISED AND IS AT YOUR OWN RISK. You may not leave jury service to put coins in the parking meter. The court does not have the authority to pay for parking and cannot arrange to have parking tickets canceled.

Attire

While formal dress is not required, court proceedings are quite formal in nature. Since jurors are often referred to as officers of the court, you are requested to dress appropriately.

Juror Badges

After being empanelled on your first day of service you will be given a juror badge to wear. You are asked to wear this badge at all times during the week you serve. This will identify you as a juror to security, and possibly will prevent you from overhearing conversations pertaining to your case. These are paper badges and you may obtain a new one as needed.

Daily Routine

Generally each morning you will report to your assigned seat in Jury Assembly for proper recording of your attendance and to await further instructions. As jurors are needed, panels will be assigned to courtrooms throughout the day. A court attendant will escort you and you must go immediately and directly to the assigned courtroom.

All instructions given by the judges and their staffs must be strictly followed until you are returned to Jury Assembly. Each judge will advise when breaks and recesses will occur in that courtroom.

When you report back to Jury Assembly, and until you are assigned to another judge, you will be kept informed by Court Administration when you may take a break and when you must return.

Work Verification

Many employers require proof that you were summoned to report as a juror. Part 1 of the jury summons form will serve as your verification.

If you are empanelled to serve for the week, you will receive a certificate of service form from the court at the end of your service indicating the dates that you served and the amount of fees you were paid.

If you are a Federal employee and you must have daily certification, please advise the administrative staff on the first day. You are responsible for the daily notation of the time you arrive and leave and Court Administration must certify this daily.

Payment for Jury Service

State law sets jury fees. For each day you serve you will be paid the regular jury fee of \$10 plus travel expense of 5 cents per round-trip mile from your residence to the courthouse.

An Alabama employer is legally responsible for paying a full time employee's regular wages while in service as a juror. Section 12-16-8 Code of Alabama.

Courtroom Conduct

If you are called by name or panel number to be a member of a jury trial panel, you and other members of the panel or panels will be assigned to a courtroom.

Once inside the courtroom, you should follow instructions given to you by the court attendant or by the judge. When a trial jury is selected and you are not a member of that jury and/or released, you will be expected to return to Jury Assembly unless otherwise instructed.

If you have been selected to sit on a trial jury, generally, you will be permitted to return home at the close of the day's court session. If you are unable to stay late due to your reliance on public transportation or a car pool, please notify the judge during the selection process.

If an emergency arises while you are sitting as a juror, consult the judge about your problem. Should you need to get in touch with your family, the court attendant will be happy to assist you.

Waiting Serves a Purpose

There are occasions when prospective jurors will have to wait, seemingly without a purpose. Even while waiting, jurors being ready and available are actively serving a purpose.

For example, sometimes parties to a lawsuit will continue to negotiate and settle the matter after a jury panel has been assembled or after a trial jury has been selected. Sometimes cases are settled during the course of the trial because the parties and their attorneys feel that you as jurors might decide their dispute less to their advantage.

On occasion the judge may need to talk to the attorneys or hear arguments on points of law out of the hearing of the jury. Often the reason for this delay may not be explained to you. Please remember that this time is spent discussing and simplifying legal issues. Cases may even be settled during or because of these conferences.

The Course of a Trial

1. Selection of a Jury
 - A. Voir Dire examination
 - B. Challenges for cause
 - C. Preemptory challenges (striking of the jury)
 - D. Seating of the jury and administration of juror oath
2. Opening Statements
Brief outlines by the attorneys to inform the jury what the case is about and what they expect the evidence will be when presented.
3. Presentation of Evidence
4. Closing Arguments
Summation by the lawyers as to the evidence presented and the reasonable inferences that could be drawn from the evidence.
5. Judge's Instruction as to the Law
6. Deliberations by Jury
 - A. Selection of foreperson
 - B. Weighing of evidence
7. The Verdict
The jury's verdict in both civil and criminal cases must be unanimous. It must be the independent verdict of each and every juror.

Court Administration

The Presiding Circuit Judge directs all administrative activities of the court and is assisted by the Court Administrator and staff. A most important area is the general management of the jurors serving each week.

Court Administration will work with you during your service to assure that your questions regarding jury service and the jury process are answered; that you are available when needed for trial jury selection; that your daily attendance is documented; and they will prepare your check for payment of jury service in accordance with the law.

Video-Intercom

If Court Administration staff is not personally available in the juror area, you can reach that office at any time from the video-intercom system located in Jury Assembly near the door to Court Administration. Simply press the button and someone will respond to your call as quickly as possible.

Personal Emergency

If you have a personal emergency while assigned to a courtroom, you should notify the judge in the case. Otherwise, you should immediately notify Court Administration. The office is located behind the Jury Assembly and the telephone number is **574-8603**.

If you have a personal emergency after you are released for the day and cannot report as instructed, you must report by telephone as soon as possible, but not later than 8:15 a.m. the next morning. You must report the nature of the emergency, a telephone number where you may be reached and obtain further instructions from the Court.

If a family member must contact you in an emergency, they may contact Court Administration at **574-8603**. You will be given the message as quickly as circumstances allow.

Juror Facilities

We are proud that jurors now have comfortable facilities for their use during their service. Please help us take care of these facilities so that future citizens will also enjoy them.

Jury Assembly is a large formal room seating up to 300 jurors. Jury Assembly will be your primary reporting location throughout your term of service and will be used when instructions must be given to a large group of jurors at the same time.

Jury Lounge is a more comfortable environment for when you are not formally assembled and are awaiting further directions from the Court. Seating arrangements are provided for small group conversations, work/study areas for those who may bring something from home to do, and tables with chairs for eating snacks or lunch.

Mobile Government Plaza

The Mobile Government Plaza, occupied in January 1995, houses facilities for many government services provided by the courts, the District Attorney, and the city and county governments. The courts and most related justice departments are located in the Courts Building located on the north side of the Plaza.

Smoke-Free Facility

The entire Mobile Government Plaza complex is designated as a smoke-free facility by Resolution of the Mobile County Commission. This Resolution prohibits smoking in all areas of the Plaza and anyone found smoking would be issued a citation of violation by the County.

Jurors who smoke may exit the building only at times designated by the Court. You will be advised of specific periodic breaks throughout the day as the court schedule allows.

Food and Drinks

The Mobile County Commission has restricted consumption of food and drinks to very limited areas in Government Plaza. Open food and drink containers are not allowed in any public areas, including courtrooms, hallways and elevators.

Jurors are permitted to bring food items in closed containers into the building; however, they may only be opened and consumed while in the Jury Lounge. Snacks and soft drinks are available from vending machines in Jury Assembly. A concession stand is located in the Atrium on the ground level.

If you are in jury service during the lunch period, you will be instructed when you may leave for lunch and what time you must return. There are numerous affordable cafes and restaurants within walking distance from the Courts Building. You also may choose to bring a packed lunch to eat in the Jury Lounge; however, refrigerators and microwave ovens are not available in the building.

Building Security

Public access to the Courts Building is restricted to provide a level of security for all entering the building. Public entry to the building is available only through the security screening station located outside the elevator lobby in the Atrium.

Court Police officers attend metal detection machines that scan for items such as guns, knives and other items that could become potential weapons. These items are not allowed in the building and temporary safekeeping is not provided. Anyone carrying such objects will be asked to leave and return without them.

Court Police also patrols the building. If you encounter an unsafe situation or if you have an emergency in the building, locate the nearest officer or contact Court Police at **574-4849** or **574-4738**.

Emergencies Arising In The Plaza

In the very unlikely event that an emergency arises in Government Plaza, certain court staffs have been trained to execute a plan designed to assist you in evacuating the building. Please remain calm and quiet, listen, and carefully follow the directions provided to you.

If you are serving in a courtroom, you will receive instructions and guidance from the Judge's staff. If you are in recess in the hallway you must report to the courtroom immediately.

If you are not serving in a courtroom and are on the Eighth Floor, you must immediately take your assigned seat in Jury Assembly and wait for instructions from Court Administration staff.

IMPORTANT: Do not attempt to evacuate from the building without assistance from trained staff. The public elevators may not be in service.

Judges of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

The judges of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Alabama are very appreciative of the efforts made by Mobile County citizens to arrange busy personal schedules and responsibilities to serve as a juror.

This Juror Handbook is provided to you compliments of the Circuit Court Judges serving Mobile County. Most questions about jury service in Mobile County are answered herein.

Judges and their staff will be making every effort to assure that your time here is well utilized, that you are kept informed of the process and that unnecessary delays do not occur. If you have other questions concerning your service, please feel free to ask.

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CHARLES A. GRADDICK

Presiding Judge

BORN: Mobile, Alabama, December 10, 1944.

EDUCATION: Attended both public and private schools in Mobile, graduating from University Military School in 1963. Received undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama in 1967; Cumberland School of Law, Juris Doctor Degree, 1970.

MILITARY: Alabama Army National Guard, Judge Advocate General, retired after 23 years of service.

PRACTICE OF LAW: Admitted to practice of law before all State and Appellate courts of the State of Alabama; United States Supreme Court; United States Court of Military Appeals; United States Courts of Appeal for the Fourth, Fifth and Eleventh Circuits; United States District Court for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Alabama.

Appointed Law Clerk in 1970, Alabama Supreme Court Justice, Dan T. McCall; Assistant District Attorney for Mobile County 1971-1974; District Attorney for Mobile County 1975-78; Attorney General for the State of Alabama in 1978-1987; Special Advisor to the Alabama Supreme Court on Rules and Procedure; rewrote Alabama's Criminal Code and wrote the State's first Consumer Protection Act, the Habitual Offender Law and established Alabama's first Victim's Assistance Office. At the request of the Governor in 1991, filled an unexpired term as District Attorney for Montgomery County, Alabama, returning to private practice in 1992.

PRESENT MEMBER: Mobile and Alabama Bar Associations; Society of Attorney's General Emeritus; Paul Brock Chapter of the American Inn of Court; Alabama Circuit Judges Association; and Christ Anglican Church.

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ROSEMARY de JUAN CHAMBERS

BORN: Mobile, Alabama, March 3, 1960.

EDUCATION: Vanderbilt University graduated 1980, Double Major in Business Administration & Economics; University of Madrid 1980, University of Alabama School of Law, Juris Doctorate 1984.

PRACTICE OF LAW: Admitted to practice of law before all State and Appellate Courts of the State of Alabama; also admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Maintained a private practice of law specializing in division of family assets and resolving family disputes; Prosecutor for the City of Mobile; attorney for the Department of Human Resources.

Appointed Circuit Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Alabama, in 1992. Assigned to Domestic Relations Division. Instituted court-ordered referral program known as "Helping Children Cope With Divorce" to improve parental communication for the benefit of their children; began Lawyers for Children Pro Bono Program; assisted in development of supervised visitation programs.

MEMBER: Alabama Bar Association; Mobile Bar Association; American Bar Association; American Judges Association; Alabama Association of Circuit Judges; Association of Family and Conciliation Courts; Alabama Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Rotary International of Mobile, Downtown Division; Springhill Presbyterian Church; serve in an advisory capacity to several community organizations; appointed by Alabama Supreme Court to serve on special committee of judges to improve courts handling Domestic Relations issues and child support issues; and appointed to special task force to make divorce mediation guidelines; Liberty Bell Award recipient from Mobile Bar Association.

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JOSEPH S. JOHNSTON

Appointed by Governor James in 1997 becoming the first Republican to ever hold a circuit or district judgeship in Mobile County. Elected in 1998, 2000 and 2006.

Native and lifelong resident of Mobile. Attended both public and private schools in Mobile, graduating from University Military School in 1977. Received B.A. in history from the University of Alabama in 1981. Received J.D. in 1984 from the University of Alabama School of Law.

Private practice of law from 1984 to 1997 in civil litigation. In the 1996 general election, Johnston served as Co-Chairman and legal counsel for the Alabama Republican Party's ballot security effort. Johnston served as an Alabama State Election Instructor, 1988-1990.

Johnston served as one of the lead attorneys (along with Supreme Court Justice Glenn Murdock) representing Judge Perry O. Hooper in his successful court battle to gain the chief justice's position following the absentee ballot dispute in the 1994 election. As a result of this litigation, Judge Hooper was sworn in as the new Chief Justice of Alabama.

Admitted to practice before all the state and federal courts in Alabama as well as the United States Supreme Court.

Appointed by Governor Guy Hunt in 1988 to serve on the Alabama State Tenure Commission; appointed by Governor James in 1995 to the Certificate of Need Review Board of the State Health Planning & Development Agency; appointed by Governor Hunt to the U.S.S. Alabama Battleship Commission which he served from 1992-1999 and as Chairman 1998 to 1999; Chief Justice Perry O. Hooper appointed Johnston as Chairman of the Administrative Office of Courts Forms Committee 1998-2005; in 2001, in response to a statewide revenue shortage in the court system, he was appointed Chairman of the Court Cost Enforcement Committee; served as Chairman of the Mobile County Republican Party from 1986 to 1990 and Vice-Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party from 1995 to 1997.

Presently a member of the Mobile, Alabama and American Bar Associations, the Alabama Circuit Judges Association, American Judicature Society, The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy and the American and Mobile Inns of Court.

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J. DONALD BANKS

BORN: Quitman, Mississippi, October 5, 1949.

EDUCATION: Mobile County Public Elementary Schools; W. P. Davidson High School, Mobile, Alabama; University of Alabama, Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Management, 1971; University of Alabama School of Law, Juris Doctor Degree, 1977.

MILITARY: Alabama Army National Guard, 1971-2001; Command Judge Advocate 1981-1997; Colonel (Ret), JAGC; United States Army - Active Duty, 1990-1991; Operation Desert Shield/Storm - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; awarded the Bronze Star Medal, 1991.

PRACTICE OF LAW: Admitted to practice law before all trial and appellate courts of the State of Alabama; admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama, the United States Courts of Appeal for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits, the United States Court of Military Appeals, and the United States Army Court of Military Review.

In private practice of law in Mobile from 1977 until appointed Circuit Judge, 1998; Municipal Judge, City of Citronelle, 1980-1997; Municipal Judge, City of Bayou La Batre, 1989-1990; City Prosecutor, City of Bayou La Batre, 1983-1989; Adjunct Professor of Business Law, University of South Alabama, 1978-present.

CIVIC SERVICE: Cottage Hill Little League - Board Member; Cottage Hill Baptist Church - Deacon/Trustee; Cottage Hill Christian Academy - Board Member; CYO - Basketball Coach. Past President, West Mobile Kiwanis Club.

PRESENT MEMBER: Mobile Bar Association, Alabama Bar Association, National Guard Association of the United States, National Guard Association of Alabama. Alabama State Bar Committees: Task Force for Judicial Election, Selection and Retention, Military Affairs Committee, Committee on Legal Advertising and Solicitation. Mobile Bar Association Committees: Fee Dispute Committee, Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, District Court Committee.

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JOHN R. LOCKETT

BORN: Chicago, Illinois, August 1, 1954.

EDUCATION: John Carroll High School, Birmingham, Alabama; Spring Hill College, Magna Cum Laude Bachelor of Science in Political Science, 1976; University of Alabama School of Law, Juris Doctor Degree, 1979.

PRACTICE OF LAW: Admitted to practice law before all State and Appellate courts of the State of Alabama in 1979. Also admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama, 1981; the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, 1980, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in 1980 and the Eleventh Circuit in 1981.

General Counsel to Alabama Secretary of State, 1980-1981; Assistant Attorney General 1981-1982; in private practice of law in Mobile from 1982-1999. City attorney for City of Mobile 1989-1999.

CURRENT MEMBER: Mobile Bar Association; Alabama Bar Association; Paul Brock Chapter of the American Inns of Court; Alabama Circuit Judges' Association; International Academy of Trial Judges; St. Mary's Catholic Church; Steering Committee, Mobile United; McGill-Toolen Catholic High School School Board.

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JAMES C. WOOD

BORN: Norfolk, Virginia, September 19, 1939.

EDUCATION: Public elementary schools; Murphy High School, 1957; University of Alabama, B. S. Degree, 1961; University School of Law, LL.B. Degree, 1962.

MILITARY: United States Army, 2nd Lieutenant, Korea; discharged 1st Lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps; Captain, U. S. Army Reserve.

PRACTICE OF LAW: Admitted to practice law before all Alabama courts in 1962; U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama, 1962; Fifth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, 1968; U. S. Supreme Court, 1969; U. S. Court of Claims 1978; Eleventh U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals 1981; U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, 1988.

In private practice of law in Mobile from 1964 until appointed Circuit Judge in 1999; Assistant County Attorney, 1969-1981; Special Assistant Attorney General, 1971-81; Chief Counsel for Mobile County Probate Judge, 1983-99.

Elected to Alabama House of Representatives in 1966; served eight years; member of Judiciary and Local Legislation Committees.

CURRENT MEMBER: St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Mobile Bar Association; Alabama Bar Association, American Bar Association, American Judicature Society, American Inns of Court, and Sunrise Rotary Club.

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RODERICK P. STOUT

BORN: Birmingham, Alabama, September 3, 1946.

EDUCATION: Davidson High School, Mobile, Alabama, 1964; University of Alabama, B. S. Degree, 1969; University of Alabama, School of Law, Juris Doctor Degree, 1970.

MILITARY: United States Army.

PRACTICE OF LAW: Admitted to practice of law before all Alabama courts in 1971; admitted to practice before United States District for the Southern District of Alabama in 1971; United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in 1971; United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in 1981; and Supreme Court of the United States in 1980.

Private practice in Mobile from 1971 until elected Circuit Judge in 2000. City Attorney for the City of Mobile 1981-1985, and attorney for the Mobile City Council 1985-2000.

PRESENT MEMBER: Mobile Bar Association and Alabama Bar Association.

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SARAH H. STEWART

BORN: Fort Smith, Arkansas, April 26 1963.

EDUCATION: University of Arkansas B.A. Degree in Communication, 1984; University of Arkansas M.A. Degree in Communication, 1985; Vanderbilt University School of Law, 1992.

PRACTICE OF LAW: Admitted to practice of law before all State and Appellate courts of the State of Alabama; also admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District (1992), the U.S. District Court for the Middle District (1992), United States District Court for the Northern District (2000), the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (1993), and the Supreme Court of the United States (2003). In the private practice of law as an associate member of two area Mobile law firms from 1992 until establishing her own law firm in 1996. Senior partner from 1996 until appointed to the Circuit bench in 2006.

MEMBER: Mobile Bar Association (Past Young Lawyers Section President, Past Women Lawyers Section President), Alabama Bar Association (Past Young Lawyers Executive Committee. Task Force on Women in the Profession), Alabama Association of Circuit Judges; Junior League of Mobile, Inc.; Paul W. Brock Inns of Court (Barrister); Ashland Place United Methodist Church.

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ROBERT H. SMITH

BORN: Mobile, Alabama, September 20, 1944.

EDUCATION: Mobile public schools, Murphy High School; Bachelor of Arts Degree from Birmingham-Southern College; Law Degree from University of Alabama.

PRACTICE OF LAW: Admitted to practice law in 1969; 37 years experience as an attorney, including trials and appeals to our Appellate and Supreme Courts; and Admiralty and Maritime suits. In private practice until appointed to complete the term of retiring Circuit Court Judge Ferrill D. McRae in October 2006; elected in November 2006.

PRESENT MEMBER: Mobile Bar Association; Alabama Bar Association; American Bar Association; Circuit Judges Association; and member of Dauphin Way United Methodist Church.

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EDMOND G. NAMAN

BORN: Mobile, Alabama, May 29, 1962.

EDUCATION: Graduate of UMS Preparatory School; graduate of University of South Alabama BA: English, Biology, BA: Philosophy, and graduate of Jones School of Law.

PRACTICE OF LAW: Admitted to practice law before all trial and appellate courts in the State of Alabama. Served as Assistant District Attorney for Mobile County from 1995-2007. Professional positions include: Special Prosecutor in charge of gun and violent crime; Special Prosecutor Mobile County Drug Court Program, Legal Instructor for police departments across Mobile County, District Attorney's Early Warning Truancy Program, Mobile County Corrections Victim Impact Panel, Mobile County Public School teachers; and for the "Make the Right Choice" Program.

CIVIC SERVICE: Mobile Mayor's Task force on Youth and Substance Abuse; instructor for Archdiocese of Mobile Child Protection Program; Chairman of Helping Families Initiative for at risk youth, Board Member Mobile County Domestic Violence Task Force; Advisor for Boy Scout Legal Explorer Post; Youth Mentor for Volunteer Mobile; American Diabetes Association; Chairman, 2004 & 2005 Catholic Charities Appeal, St. Mary's Parish Knights of Columbus; St. Mary's Parish Youth Commission, and Basketball Coach, CYO.

PRESENT MEMBER: Mobile Bar Association; Alabama Bar Association; American Bar Association, Paul W. Brock Inns Of Court Legal Society, Alabama Circuit Judges Association, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Mobile United, St. Mary Catholic Church, St. Mary's Knights of Columbus, Past Member National College of District Attorneys, Past Member Alabama District Attorneys Association,

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MICHAEL A. YOUNGPETER

BORN: New Braunfels, Texas, July 21, 1957

EDUCATION: University of South Alabama, B.S., Degree in Business Management , 1982; University of Alabama, J.D., 1987.

PRACTICE OF LAW: Admitted to practice of law before all State and Appellate courts of the State of Alabama in 1987. Also admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama, 1987, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 1991, and before the Supreme Court of the United States in 1992. In the private practice of law in Mobile from 1987 until 2007 when appointed Circuit Judge by Governor Bob Riley.

PRESENT MEMBER: St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church; Mobile Bar Association; Alabama Bar Association; Paul W. Brock Chapter of American Inns of Court; Alabama Association of Circuit Judges; Order of the Coif; The Autism Society of Alabama (Board of Directors 2001-2002); Mobile Girls Softball Association (Board of Directors).

JUDGES OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Courtroom

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| 2500 | J. Donald Banks |
| 2600 | Rosemary de Juan Chambers |
| 6100 | Robert H. Smith |
| 6200 | Sarah H. Stewart |
| 6300 | James C. Wood |
| 6500 | John R. Lockett |
| 6600 | Joseph S. Johnston |
| 8100 | Roderick P. Stout |
| 8200 | Michael A. Youngpeter |
| 8600 | Charles A. Graddick Presiding Judge |
| Youth Center | Edmond G. Naman |