

## **HARRY E. BARR**

Harry Edwin Barr, J.D., is a trial attorney awarded by his peers the nationally prestigious "A" rating in Martindale-Hubbell, and a principal senior partner in the law firm of Chesser, Wingard, Barr & Fleet. He is a "Board Certified Trial Lawyer" by the Florida Bar and certified by the National Board of Trial Advocates in the field of Civil Trial Law. This is a result of his taking additional education and passing tests in the area of Civil Trial Law.

A permanent resident of Okaloosa County since 1974, he is a native of Lexington, Kentucky, where he graduated from Henry Clay High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from the University of Alabama, where he was also a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. He returned to the University of Alabama to earn his juris doctorate in law, and is licensed to practice his profession in both Florida and Alabama.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with bronze star, for his heroism and his valor during the Vietnam War, Harry served as a captain in the United States Air Force where he spent six years as a fighter pilot. His tour of duty included training at Hurlburt Air Force Base as a forward air controller before serving in Vietnam with the 25th Infantry.

His civic activities include the Fort Walton Beach chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council, the Billy Bowlegs Festival Committee, as well as the 20th SOS Community Liaison at Hurlburt Air Force Base. He serves as community advisor for the Junior League of Fort Walton Beach, and the Focus Center Museum. In addition he has served on the Board of Directors for the Fort Walton Beach Chamber Host Council, the Executive Committee of the Miracle Strip Chapter of the University of Alabama Alumni Association, the Advisory Board of Peoples First Savings and Loan, as well as the Board of Directors for Stagecrafters, Camp Walton School House and the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders. He was Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXVIII.

In service to his profession, he accepted a five year appointment to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, a committee of the Supreme Court of Florida from October 1990 to October 1995 and was re-appointed for an additional one year starting October 1996. In addition, he was elected president of the Okaloosa Walton Bar Association, and was a two term president of the Legal Aid Society, which provides legal assistance for those unable to afford legal services. In the First Circuit, he has held the chairmanship of the Judicial Nominations Commission, the Florida Bar Grievance Committee and the Florida Bar Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee.

Harry is listed in the Who's Who in American Law and his professional affiliations include the Florida Bar, the Alabama Bar, the American Bar, the American Trial Lawyers, the Defense Research Institute, the Southern Trial Lawyers Association, the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, ABOTA and the Okaloosa Walton Bar Association.