

Curriculum Vitae

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Experience

Mediator/Arbitrator — since January 2023. Registered as mediator and arbitrator with the Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution and included on the federal panel of neutrals for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

Circuit Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit of Alabama

- Appointed by Governor Don Siegelman in October 2002; re-elected in 2004, 2010 and 2016.
- Retired January 2023.
- As a judge of general jurisdiction, has handled a wide variety of civil litigation, presiding over many jury trials and numerous bench trials.
- From January 2010 to 2012, also presided over the Commercial Litigation Docket of the 10th Judicial Circuit, involving cases such as shareholder derivative actions, commercial disputes, and mass tort actions.

Democratic nominee for Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court – 2012 & 2018

Partner in the law firm of Johnston, Barton Proctor & Powell, Birmingham, AL
September 1986-November 2002:

- General civil litigation practice
- Significant experience in class action cases, commercial disputes, consumer finance litigation, antitrust and other types of civil litigation in both state and federal courts in Alabama.
- Involved in numerous appeals to both the appellate courts of Alabama and the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Law clerk for the Honorable Thomas G. Gee, U. S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit,
Houston TX, August 1985- August 1986

Education

University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA --
J.D., 1985

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
A. B. (Politics), magna cum laude, 1982
(Graduated in three years)

Professional & Civic

Master of Birmingham chapter of the American Inns of Courts, 2004-2014
- Chapter President, June 2011-June 2013

Birmingham Kiwanis Club, 2003-present

United Fellowship Breakfast Forum, 2003-present

Personal

Married to Joyce W. Vance, with four children.