

RALPH F. (RUSTY) SIMPSON

PERSONAL:

Date of Birth: 12-25-43, Bainbridge, Georgia, married, wife Judy, two adult daughters, Juliette Simpson and Elena Simpson Thomas, one granddaughter, Lane Thomas

EDUCATION:

Bainbridge High School (1961); Oxford College, formerly Emory at Oxford (1963), Emory University, BA, History (1966); Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University, JD (1969).

EXPERIENCE

Admitted to Practice Law, 1970: Superior Courts of the State of Georgia, Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia, Supreme Court of the State of Georgia, United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit.

Second Lieutenant, Military Police Corps, United States Army, (1967-1970), Captain, Judge Advocate General Corps, United States Army (1970-1974), Active Duty 1970-1974, received Army Commendation Medal.

Private law practice in Tifton, Georgia from 1970 to 2005 with concentration in civil litigation including insurance defense, personal injury, health care and employment law, while retaining aspects of a general practice including real estate and bank related matters. Providing arbitration and mediation services. Representation of the Tift County Board of Education. Maintained two offices, one in Tifton, Georgia and one in Sylvester, Georgia. Adjunct Professor of Law, Mercer Law School.

Judicial: Appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue as Judge, Superior Courts, Tifton Judicial Circuit, August, 2005; Member Legislative Committee, Council of Superior Court Judges, 2005-2006.

Neutral: Full time mediator/arbitrator from 2007 to present. Providing arbitration and mediation services in all types of civil cases including domestic within south and middle Georgia.

AFFILIATIONS

Member, First Presbyterian Church of Tifton, Deacon, 1976-1979, Chairman, 1979, Secretary, 1976, Elder, 1987-1990, Trustee, 1978-1993, 1994-1998; Flint River Presbytery: Trustee, 1985-1991, Member Youth Committee, 1988-1990; Executive Search Committee, 1989-1990, Member Permanent Judicial Commission, 2000-present; Synod of South Atlantic: Member, Permanent Judicial Commission, 1990-1996, Moderator, 1994-1996.

Mercer Law Review: 1966-1969, Survey Editor: 1968-1969; Mercer Law Alumni Association, President, 1995; Board of Visitors, Walter F. George School of Law 2002-2008, Secretary, 2003-2004, Vice-Chairman, 2005-2006, Chairman, 2006-2008; Member Tift County Chamber of Commerce, 1970- present, Education Committee, 1982; Member Worth County Chamber of Commerce, 2000-2007. Member Irwin County Chamber of Commerce, 2006, Member Turner County Chamber of Commerce, 2006.

HONORS

Eagle Scout Award; American Jurisprudence Awards in Criminal Law, Insurance, Workmen's Compensation; Army Commendation Medal.

PUBLICATIONS

Author of: Case note 18 Mer. L. Rev. 516; Case note 19 Mer. L. Rev. 464, Workmen's Compensation, 20 Mer.L. Rev 268; Case note 27 Mer. L. Rev. 203; Torts; 29 Mer. L. Rev. 253; Torts: 31 Mer. L. Rev. 229; Insurance: 48 Mer. L. Rev. 361; Insurance: 49 Mer. L. Rev. 175; Georgia Trial Lawyers Association's Trial Practice Manual, Chapter 10, "The Court's Charge."

BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Member, State Bar of Georgia, 1970-present; Author's Court, Clerk, 1989, Vice Chancellor, 1990, Chancellor, 1991; Special Master, Disciplinary Proceedings, 1991-1994; Member, Investigative Panel, 1994-1998; Vice Chairperson, 1997-1998; Member, Advisory Opinion Board, 1996-1998; Member Disciplinary Rules and Procedures Committee, State Bar of Georgia, 2004-2005; Member, Board of Governors 2001-2005; Member; Member, Judicial Nominating Commission, 2003-2005; Member, Bench and Bar Committee, 2005-2006; Member, Review Panel, 2006-present.