

50-Year Members of the Mobile Bar Association
October 10, 2025



RICHARD G. ALEXANDER

Richard received his undergraduate degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1972 and his Juris Doctor degree from Jones School of Law in 1975. He was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975.

While in law school, Richard worked in the Capitol in Montgomery for the Legislative Reference Service and continued working there after taking and passing the bar exam in February 1975. When the legislative session ended in September 1975, Richard returned home to Mobile and opened a solo practice. He is still in practice at his firm, Alexander & Associates.

Richard served the Mobile Bar as a member of the Grievance Committee from 2008 to 2021 and was also a member of the Fee Dispute/Law Firm Dissolution and Public Relations – Speakers Bureau Committees. From 2003 to 2016, he was a member of the Criminal Practice Section and was also involved in the Civil Practice, Federal Court and Civil Practice, State and County Courts Sections.

Richard has been married to his wife, Sadie, for 48 years; they have two daughters, Sadie Muscat and Ruthie Clute, who is an MBA member, son Richard, Jr., and 7 grandchildren.

JAY P. ALTMAYER, II – (no picture)

Jay received his Juris Doctor degree in 1975 from Tulane University School of Law and was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975. He worked as in-house counsel at Timber, Oil, and Real Estate Investment and Development, retiring in December 2024. Jay was involved with the Mobile Bar as a member of the In-House Counsel Section.



GROVER (BUSTER) E. ASMUS, II

Buster received his undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama in 1971 and his Juris Doctor degree in 1974 from the University of Alabama School of Law. He was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975.

From 1974 to 1975, Buster worked as a Law Clerk to James H. Hancock, U.S. District Judge, Northern District of Alabama. In 1975, he joined Armbrecht Jackson Law Firm and engaged in civil practice there until 2006. In 2007, Buster went into private practice, variously as Asmus Law Firm and Asmus & Gaddy, and almost exclusively defended claims under the U.S. Defense Base Act and War Hazards Act. He retired from active practice in 2018.

Buster served as a member of the United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Alabama Civil Practice Liaison Counsel in 1990. He was involved with the Mobile Bar as a longtime member of the Admiralty Section, serving as Chair in 2007. He was also a member for many years of the Archives & History Committee and the Workers Compensation, Civil Practice, State & County Courts, Civil Practice, Federal Court, and Solo and Small Firm Sections.



TRAVIS M. BEDSOLE, JR.

Travis received his undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama in 1971 and his Juris Doctor degree in 1974 from the University of Alabama School of Law. He was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975.

Travis worked as a Law Clerk to Alabama Supreme Court Associate Justice Daniel T. McCall, Jr., was an Associate Attorney at Hand, Arendall, Bedsole, Greaves & Johnston, then was a Clerk at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Alabama. Travis was appointed U.S. Bankruptcy Court Administrator for the Southern District in October 1987 and remained in that position until his retirement in December 2014. In March 2024, Travis was the first retired MBA member who chose the new membership category of Lifetime Membership.

Travis served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and has been committed to civic service as a trustee and member of the Distribution Committee for the J.L. Bedsole Foundation and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at his church. He has also served as a member of the President's Cabinet at both the University of Alabama and the University of South Alabama, as well as other leadership positions at both. Travis is a Past Chairman of the Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section of the Alabama State Bar. He was involved with the Mobile Bar as a member of the Bankruptcy Section from 1988 to 2018, serving as Vice Chair in 2003.

Travis has been married to his wife, Susan, for 54 years, and they have two sons, Preston and Edward.



PETER (PETE) F. BURNS

Pete received his undergraduate degree from Centre College of Kentucky in 1971 then took a gap year during which he traveled the country while pursuing a variety of jobs. He received his Juris Doctor degree in 1975 from Samford University Cumberland School of Law and was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975.

After law school graduation, Pete served as Law Clerk to Alabama Supreme Court Justice Hugh Maddox. Upon completion of his clerkship, Pete married Renea Park, and the couple moved to Mobile where he joined the law firm of Gaston Bryant & Gaston as an associate. In 1979, Pete and Jack Morgan left the firm to form Morgan and Burns. With Jack's departure in 1982, the addition of Pete Mackey and Billy Cunningham evolved into the firm of Burns Cunningham & Mackey where he is now Of Counsel. Pete has enjoyed substantial success pursuing complex civil litigation throughout his career.

Pete has been committed to community service, serving in the past as a member, Chair, or President of various Boards in the Mobile area, including President of the Board for Habitat for Humanity. He serves the Mobile Bar as a current participant of the Mentoring Committee and was a member in 2011-2013 when it was an Ad Hoc Committee. Pete was a long-time member of the CLE-Law & Technology Committee and chaired the committee in 2003, 2004, and 2008. In addition, he served many years as a member of the Civil Practice, State & County Courts Section

and as Chair in 2003. Other Mobile Bar committees on which Pete served were Professional Relations and Public Relations.

Pete has two grown children, son, Peter, and daughter Erin, whose husband Troy Schwant is a member of Burns Cunningham & Mackey and an MBA member. Following Renea's death in 2019, Pete married Leigh Jordan Brown and together they have eight grandsons.

JAMES (JIM) HILTON CROSBY – *Deceased* (no picture)

Jim passed away on July 21 of this year. He received his undergraduate degree from Rhodes College in 1971 and his Juris Doctor degree in 1974 from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. He was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975.

Jim practiced law in Mobile at Atchison, Crosby, Saad & Beebe, P.C and at Crosby Saad, P.C. At the time of his death, Jim was still in practice at Crosby Law Firm, P.C.

Jim was predeceased by his wife of 35 years, Mickey, and is survived by his son, Hilton, daughter, Stella, and his 4 grandchildren.



JOHN W. DONALD, JR.

John received his undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama in 1972 and his Juris Doctor degree in 1975 from Samford University Cumberland School of Law. He was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975.

After graduating law school, John practiced with Butler, Riddick & Latour until 1998 and at several other firms from 1999 to 2007. From 2007 to the present, he has practiced with the firm of Donald &

Estep, LLC.

John was involved with the Mobile Bar as a member of the Fee Dispute Committee. With the Alabama State Bar, John was a member of the Young Lawyers Section Executive Committee and a member of the Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section where he served as Chairman.

John and his wife, Lee, have been married for fifty years; they have three children and seven grandchildren.



JIM H. FERNANDEZ

Jim received his undergraduate degree in 1972 from Duke University and his Juris Doctor degree in 1975 from the University of Alabama School of Law. He was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975.

After graduating law school, Jim was an associate with Tonsmiere-McFadden until 1980, then in practice at Allen and Fernandez until 1990. Since 1990, Jim has been practicing at what started out as Fernandez, Ollinger, Combs & Fontenot and eventually became Fernandez, Crane & Combs, LLC. His two partners have retired, but Jim is still carrying on with a general civil practice which is real property oriented.

Jim served the Mobile Bar as Chair of the Ethics Committee in 2003 and was also a member of the Ad Hoc Law Firm Dissolution Committee. He was very active for many years as a member of multiple MBA Sections: Domestic Relations, Probate, Bankruptcy, Civil Practice, State & County Courts, Alternate Dispute Resolution, Solo & Small Firm, District Court, and Appellate.



BARRY A. FRIEDMAN

Barry received his undergraduate degree in 1972 from the University of Alabama and his Juris Doctor degree in 1975 from the University of Alabama School of Law. He was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975.

Upon returning to Mobile, Barry started his career at Mobile Bar Association Legal Aid Society (now Legal Services) and soon became its managing partner. He then went into private practice with Theodore L. Hall until September 1998, when he formed Barry A. Friedman & Associates, PC. The firm later became Reid Friedman & Perloff until Barry bought out his partners, and the firm name reverted to Barry A. Friedman & Associates. In 2018, it became Friedman, Poole &

Friedman until January 2020, when the name once again became Barry A. Friedman & Associates, PC.

Barry served the Mobile Bar as the long-time Chair of the Bench & Bar Committee, Vice Chair of the Fee Dispute/Law Firm Dissolution Committee, and Chair/Vice Chair of the District Court Section of which he was a member for many years. He was also a long-time member of the Entertainment Committee, as well as a member of the Programs Committee. Since 1986, Barry has been a member of the Bankruptcy Section and since 2004, a member of the Civil Practice, State and County Courts Section.



JOHN (JACK) F. JANECKY, SR.

Jack received his undergraduate degree from the United States Air Force Academy in 1966 and served as a pilot and aircraft commander from 1967 to 1971. He received his Juris Doctor degree in 1975 from the University of Alabama School of Law and was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975.

From 1975 to 2003, Jack was a partner at Janecky and Newell. In October 2003, he joined the firm of Johnstone, Adams, Bailey, Gordon & Harris, later, Johnstone Adams, where he practiced until November 2010. Jack then became the Managing Attorney for Workers Compensation at Vernis & Bowling of Southern Alabama. Since 2016, Jack has been the Managing Attorney at Janecky Law, where he specializes in Workers Compensation, Probate work, and Employment-related Litigation.

Jack served the Mobile Bar in several leadership positions: At-Large member of the Executive Committee, Chair of the Ethics Committee, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Chair of the Law Library Committee, and Vice Chair of the Civil Practice, Federal Court Section. He was also a member of the Civil Practice, State and County Courts Section, the Lawyer Mentoring, Public Relations, and Resolutions Committees, and has been a member of the Workers Compensation Section from 2004 to present.

In addition to being active with the Mobile Bar, Jack served the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association in various leadership capacities from 1993 to 2001, including President from 2000 to

2001. He was also Chairman of the Alabama Bar Association Ethics Committee from 1996 to 1998, a member of the Board of Directors for the Alabama Workers Compensation Defense Lawyers Association, and a member of the Defense Research Institute.



SHIRLEY M. JUSTICE

Shirley received her undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama in 1972. She received her Juris Doctor degree in 1975 from the University of Alabama School of Law and her L.L.M. in Taxation from George Washington University in 1976. Shirley was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975.

In 1986, Shirley began her career at Sirote & Permutt and is still practicing at what is now Dentons Sirote. She is Managing Partner of the firm's Mobile office and has served as a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Shirley's practice areas are tax planning for corporations and partnerships, estate planning, wills, trusts, probate administration, and health care law.

Shirley has been a member of the Board of Directors for many civic and charitable organizations in the Mobile area. She also served on the Board of Trustees for the University of Alabama Law School Alumni Society. She is a Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation and was the 2017 recipient of the Mobile Women Lawyers Trailblazer Award.



VICTOR H. LOTT, JR.

Vic received his undergraduate degree from The University of the South (Sewanee) in 1972 and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1975. He was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975.

Vic has more than 40 years of experience negotiating transactions and is Counsel for Mergers and Acquisitions at Adams and Reese LLP. He advises on complex transactions, including large institutional multi-state timberland transactions, and is

one of the best-known forestry attorneys in the country. Vic has also served as Chair of the Adams & Reese Executive Committee.

Vic has served as Chairman or President of the Boards of many local non-profit agencies, organizations and Foundations. He was also a member of the President's Cabinet at the University of Alabama for 10 years.

Vic served the Mobile Bar as a member of the Executive Committee in the position of Alabama State Bar Commissioner. He served as President of the Alabama State Bar in 1998-99. Prior to the election of the current President, Fred Helmsing, he was the last Mobile lawyer to serve in that position. In addition, Vic was President of the Southern Conference of Bar Presidents in 1999. He is a Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation.



GREGORY (GREG) B. McATEE

Greg received his undergraduate degree from Spring Hill College in 1970, then joined the United States Army. He served as a 1st Lieutenant, Battalion Adjutant in Vietnam from July 1971 to March 1972. After his Army service, Greg attended the University of Alabama School of Law, receiving his Juris Doctor degree in 1975. He was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975.

Greg started his law career at Gibbons, Stokes & Clark, which became Stokes & McAtee in 1982. He opened Gregory B. McAtee, P.C. in 1996, with his primary practice in medical, retail, and commercial collections. Greg was in solo practice until he retired in 2025.

Greg served the Mobile Bar as a member of the Bankruptcy Section as well as a long-time member of the Professional Relations Committee and the Civil Practice, State & County Courts Section. He was also a member of the District Court Section for many years, serving as Chair in 2002 to 2003.

Greg was active with the Volunteer Lawyers Program, as a Board Member for six years and as a volunteer lawyer. He was named Volunteer Lawyer of the Year in 2002. Greg was also a founding member of the local St. Thomas More Society and served as Secretary/Treasurer. He organized the annual Red Mass for close to 30 years.

Greg met his wife, Angela, while in law school, and they married in 1974. They have three sons, Christopher, Patrick, and Gregory, and three grandchildren.



CAINE O'REAR, III

Caine received his undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama in 1972 and his Juris Doctor degree in 1975 from the University of Virginia Law School. He was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975.

After graduating law school, Caine served in the United States Army, achieving the rank of Captain. In December of 1975, he began work in Mobile at the firm of Hand Arendall Bedsole Greaves & Johnston, now Hand Arendall Harrison Sale. He has been in practice there his entire career and continues to this day. Caine has focused on commercial litigation and served as chair of the firm's litigation section for many years.

Caine served the Mobile Bar as a member of the Executive Committee from 1992 until 2001 and was also Chair of the Civil Practice, Federal Court Section in 2011 and 2012. He is a Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation.

Caine has served on the Boards of various charitable organizations in Mobile, including Chair of the YMCA of Metropolitan Mobile. Caine remains active in Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Gulf Coast where he has been on the Board of Directors, as well as a Big Brother, for close to 25 years.

Caine has been married to his wife, Gwen, for 52 years. They have three sons and three grandchildren.



F. GREY REDDITT, JR.

Grey received his undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama Business School in 1972 and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1975. He was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975.

Grey's practice has been based in Mobile his entire career, though he also practiced extensively in New York and Texas for many years. He began his career at Kilborn, Redditt & Griggs, and then Inge, Twitty, Duffy & Prince. In 1992, he opened the Mobile office of Adams & Reese. In May of 2015, Grey joined Vickers, Riis, Murray & Curran, now Maynard Nexsen, where he is currently in practice.

Grey was involved with the Mobile Bar as a member of the Law Library Committee, the Civil Practice, Federal Court Section, and the Civil Practice, State and County Courts Section. He also served as the Chair of the Admiralty & Maritime Section from 1986 to 1988. He is a Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation.

Grey is a longtime board member and past Chair of the Senior Citizens Services of Mobile (Via) and has served on the Boards or as Chair of various other charitable and civic organizations in Mobile and in Baldwin County.

Grey has been married to his wife, Elizabeth, for 52 years, and they have two sons and two grandchildren. He stated that he is also the brother of the more well-known Mobile attorney, Mark Redditt.



JUDGE WILLIAM (BILL) S. SHULMAN

Judge Bill Shulman received his undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama in 1972 and graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law with a Juris Doctor degree in 1975. He was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975.

Following graduation, Judge Shulman worked for the State of Alabama Legislative Reference Service in Montgomery. In 1976, he began practicing law in Mobile for the firm of Herbert P. Feibelman, Jr. and became a partner several years later. The firm's name changed to Feibelman, Shulman and Terry, and Judge Shulman worked there until 1996.

In 1996, Judge Shulman was appointed by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals to the position of United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Alabama and the Northern District of Florida. He served in that capacity until his retirement in 2015. He then served as a recall judge for a period of one year, handling cases in the Northern District of Florida in Pensacola.

Judge Shulman served the Mobile Bar as a member of both the Bench & Bar Committee and the Bankruptcy Section for many years. He was on the Board of Trustees at the Springhill Avenue Temple and on the boards of several other charitable organizations. He worked with the Boy Scouts of America for years as Assistant Scoutmaster and as an advisor approving Eagle Scout projects and conducting their Boards of Review.

Judge Shulman and his wife, Ellen, will celebrate their 50th anniversary this year. They have two children, Carolyn and David, and one granddaughter, Sarah.



DONALD J. STEWART

Donald, a Mobile native, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama in 1971 and his Juris Doctor degree in 1975 from the University of Alabama School of Law. He was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975.

While in law school, Donald was elected editor-in-chief of the Alabama Law Review, and upon graduation in 1975, he began practicing in Birmingham with Cabaniss, Johnston, Gardner, Dumas & O'Neal. He returned to Mobile in 1978 and joined

McRight, Sims, Rowe & Bagwell, which merged with Cabaniss Johnston in 1983. From 1983 to 2025, Donald served as City Attorney for Gulf Shores; he retired from Cabaniss Johnston in 2021 and started his solo practice.

Donald's community involvement has included serving as Chairman and President of the McGill-Toolen Foundation, as a board member of the Mobile Area Interfaith Conference, and as a member of the Mobile Catholic Archdiocesan Case Review Committee. He also spent 20 years as the Chair of local and district appeal boards of the Selective Service System. He was involved with the Mobile Bar as a longtime member of the Bankruptcy Section as well as a member of the Public Relations Committee.

Donald has been married to his wife, Frani, since 1980. They have two sons, Alexander and William, daughter, Elizabeth Nava, and two grandsons, Thomas and John Michael Nava.



FRANK G. TAYLOR

Frank received his undergraduate degree in 1972 from Emory University. He served in the U.S. Naval Air Reserve from 1970-76, including aircraft carrier duty on the U.S.S. Lexington. Frank received his Juris Doctor degree in 1975 from Samford University Cumberland School of Law and was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1975.

Frank practiced with the firm of Atchison, Crosby, Saad & Beebe and is still practicing at what is now The Atchison Firm. He has been a civil litigator for over 40 years

in the areas of education law, environmental law, and business and construction litigation. Frank currently specializes in education law.

Frank has served as President of the Alabama Council of School Board Attorneys and as a Special Assistant Attorney General for the Alabama State Tenure Commission. He was involved with the Mobile Bar as a member of the Attendance Committee.

Frank is married to Barbara, and they have two children, Danielle and Garrison.