

HONORABLE STEVE C. JONES - BIOGRAPHY



Honorable Steve C. Jones
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On January 5, 2011, Judge Jones was nominated by President Barack Obama to become a United States District Judge. Judge Jones was sworn in as a district judge on March 4, 2011. In this role, Judge Jones presides over cases that involve the United States government, the United States Constitution, federal laws, controversies between citizens of different states, and other matters.

Prior to his nomination to the district court, Judge Jones served as a Superior Court Judge in the Western Judicial Circuit (Athens-Clarke and Oconee Counties, Georgia). Judge Jones was appointed to the Superior Court in 1995. In this role, Judge Jones presided over civil and criminal cases. In addition to his regular caseload, Judge Jones also presided over the Western Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court Program, a program that integrates alcohol and substance abuse treatment with court supervision. Prior to his Superior Court judicial appointment, Judge Jones served as an Athens-Clarke County Municipal Court Judge (1992–1995), Assistant District Attorney for the Western Judicial Circuit (1987–1991), and Director of the Athens Child Support Recovery Unit (1978–1985).

Judge Jones has offered his time and leadership to numerous academic, community, legal, and social organizations. Judge Jones is a managing trustee and secretary for the University of Georgia Foundation and a member of the University of Georgia Athletic Association Board. He also serves on the Georgia Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism and he is a past president of the University of Georgia's Alumni Association and the UGA Chapter of the National Football Foundation, College Hall of Fame.

Judge Jones is a member of the Old War Horse Lawyer's Club and the Lawyer's Club of Atlanta. Judge Jones is a former chair of the Georgia Judicial Qualifications Commission (2002–2006); the University of Georgia School of Law's Board of Visitors (2003); and the Athens Area Community Foundation (2007–2010). Judge Jones has also served on the Georgia Supreme Court's Commission on Equality (2006–2008) and Domestic Violence Committee (2001–2004).

Judge Jones is President of the Joseph Henry Lumpkin American Inn of Court.

Judge Jones has won many awards for his judicial and community service. For example, in 2018, he received the *Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall Professionalism Award*, presented by the State Bar of Georgia and in 2015, he received the *Blue Key Service Award*, presented by the Georgia Chapter of the Blue Key National Honor Society. In 1998, he was the recipient of the *Chief Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service*. In 2007, he received the *Volunteer of the Year Award*, presented by the Junior League of Athens and Athens First Bank & Trust. Also in 2007, he was named *Omega Citizen of the Year* by the Zeta Beta Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Judge Jones has also received the Gate City Bar Association's *Outstanding Jurist Award* (2009); the University of Georgia's *Alumni Merit Award* (2018); the University of Georgia School of Law's *Distinguished Service Scroll Award* (2013); and the University of Georgia's *Fulfilling the Dream Award* (2007). Other awards and honors received: Leadership Georgia's *E. Dale Threadgill Community Service Award* (2011); the Association of Legal Professional's *Legal Professional of the Year Award* (2003); and the State Bar/YLD *Judicial Service Award* (2002). Judge Jones has also been named an Honorary Member of the Blue Key Honor Society (2014), a fellow of the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia, Inc. (1998), and a Rotary Club Paul Harris fellow (1997).

Judge Jones attended The University of Georgia and received his B.B.A. in 1978 and J.D. in 1987.

Judge Jones is married to Lillian Kincey.