



**Jere F. White Jr.** will long be recognized as one of the most outstanding lawyers in the country. More importantly, he will be remembered as a great person, friend and mentor. A graduate of the University of Georgia and Samford University's Cumberland School of Law, Jere was a founding member of Lightfoot Franklin & White LLC in Birmingham. Jere held himself and others to the highest standard of the practice of law. A third-generation lawyer, he was truly a lawyer's lawyer. He cherished his relationships with the Bench and lawyers on both sides of the Bar. Jere balanced his success as a lawyer with an even stronger devotion to his faith, family, friends and community. Prior to his death on October 3, 2011, Jere and his wife, Lyda, established the Jere F. White Jr. Fellows Program at Cumberland. The Fellows Program seeks to recruit not only outstanding students with strong academic credentials, but also a history of leadership and commitment to service, thereby promoting the development of lawyers who share the ideals that were so important to Jere.



In 2017, **Doug Jones** shocked the political establishment by winning a special election to fill a U.S. Senate seat in Alabama - the first Democrat to do so in the state in 25 years. As a member of the Banking and Housing Committee, the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, the Armed Services Committee, the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and the Committee on Aging, he quickly built a reputation as a well-regarded and effective legislator. He passed more than two dozen bipartisan bills into law in just three years, including legislation to end the military widow's tax, provide permanent funding for historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), shed light on Civil Rights-era cold cases, and expanded access to broadband in rural communities. He was also one of the principal architects of the anti-money laundering legislation passed by Congress as part of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2020.

Senator Jones began his career in 1979 as staff counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee for Senator Howell Heflin (D-AL). Following his stint in Washington, Senator Jones served as an Assistant United States Attorney from 1980-1984. He left government service in 1984 and was in the private practice of law in Birmingham, Alabama, until President Bill Clinton nominated him to the position of United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama. His nomination was confirmed by the Senate in November 1997 and he served as U.S. Attorney until June 2001. It was while serving in that position that Senator Jones successfully prosecuted two of the four men responsible for the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church that killed four young girls, finally bringing full justice and closure nearly 40 years after the attack. Along with taking on the Ku Klux Klan, he indicted domestic terrorist Eric Rudolph and prosecuted other criminals who sought to use fear, hatred, and violence to inhibit the rights of others.

Between his time as U.S. Attorney and his election to the Senate, Senator Jones was in the private practice of law, handling white collar, False Claims Act, and security fraud class actions. He has represented multinational corporations, small businesses, and individuals in high-stakes civil and criminal litigation. Senator Jones is a graduate of the University of Alabama and Cumberland School of Law.

**The Alabama Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers** are pleased to be a co-sponsor with Samford University's Cumberland School of Law for the Jere F. White Jr. Trial Advocacy Institute. We are proud that Jere, a Cumberland alumnus, was a member of our group.

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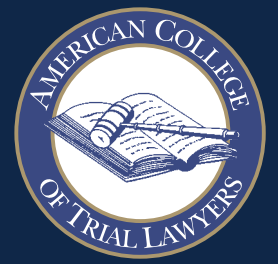
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<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Check-in</b>		<b>2:40 p.m.</b>	<b>Mediation Panel</b>	
<b>8:25 a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Drawing for 2022 Iron Bowl Tickets*</i>			Alan T. Rogers E. Ham Wilson	Harlan I. Prater IV Moderator: Gaynor St. John
	Frank J. Stakely		<b>3:40 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Drawing for Gus Mayer Gift Certificate*</i></b>	
	<b>Morning Session Moderator:</b> S. Greg Burge			<b>Closing Arguments</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Voir Dire</b>			<i>Plaintiff Perspective</i> David H. Marsh	<i>Defendant Perspective</i> D. Taylor Flowers
	George W. (Skip) Finkbohner III		<b>4:40 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Drawing for 2022 SEC Championship Football Tickets*</i></b>	
<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Opening Statement</b>			<b>Adjourn</b>	
	<i>Plaintiff Perspective</i> Kendall C. Dunson	<i>Defendant Perspective</i> Michael E. Upchurch			
<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Refreshment Break</b>				
<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b><i>Drawing for Helen Restaurant Gift Certificate*</i></b>				
	<b>Direct Examination</b>				
	Joseph S. Miller				
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Cross Examination</b>				
	<i>Plaintiff Perspective</i> G. Rick Hall	<i>Defendant Perspective</i> Walter W. (Billy) Bates			
<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	<b>The Jere F. White Jr. Fellows Program and Tribute To Jere F. White Jr.</b>				
	Samuel H. Franklin	Dean R. Blake Hudson			
<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	<b>Luncheon   Introduction of Speaker</b>				
	<i>Introduction:</i> Richard H. (Rick) Deane Jr.				
	<i>Speaker:</i> Senator Doug Jones Arent Fox LLP Washington, D.C.				
<b>1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>				
	<b>Afternoon Session Moderator:</b> Brian P. McCarthy				
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Drawing for Harrison Limited Custom Suit*</i></b>				
	<b>What Judges Want From Lawyers</b>				
	Honorable Ralph D. Cook Honorable Elisabeth French Moderator: Adam K. Peck	Honorable Madeline H. Haikala Susan J. Harriman			
<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Refreshment Break</b>				

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