

JOHN GRIFFIN JONES

John Griffin Jones is senior partner at the Jackson, Mississippi law firm of Griffin Jones Law Firm, PLLC. A native of Jackson and a product of the Jackson Public Schools and Murrah High School, he attended Millsaps College and the University of Mississippi (“Ole Miss”) for an undergraduate double major in English and History, returned to Ole Miss for graduate school in history before switching to the Ole Miss law school, receiving the J.D. in 1985. He served a clerkship in 1985-86 with United States District Judge Tom S. Lee, Southern District of Mississippi, before starting in private practice in Jackson, where he has remained. He has published articles and papers on both non-legal and legal issues, including over 50 papers in his fields of concentration: workers’ compensation; insurance litigation of all types including “bad faith” tort actions arising in the first-person-contract and compensation settings; contract law; employment law; and a broad personal injury practice. He and his wife of 34 years, Mary Arrington Jones, have four children from ages 18 to 30, and they live a half mile from his law office.

AWARDS AND MEMBERSHIPS:

American Board of Trial Advocacy (“ABOTA”), associate, 2006-present;

“A/V” rated (“highest possible peer review rating in legal ability and ethical standards”) in *Martindale-Hubbell*, 1999-present;

Best Lawyers in America, selected by peers in the field of workers’ compensation law, 1997 – present; in field of general personal injury, 2006-present; selected by peers

“Lawyer of the Year, Claimants, Workers’ Compensation” in 2012 and 2014; selected by peers “Lawyer of the Year, Plaintiffs, Personal Injury” in 2012, all in the Jackson, Mississippi area.

PORTICO magazine: selected “Legacy Lawyer” by peers, one of five Jackson-area “distinguished and influential attorneys [who] have dedicated their lives to their profession and communities.”

Administrative Law and Workers’ Compensation Section, Mississippi State Bar, past-chairman 1999-2000; recipient Second Biannual Robert M. Carpenter Award from section for “Contributions of Clarity, Competence and Compassion,” 2003;

Eudora Welty Foundation (organization devoted to fund-raising and honoring memory of novelist, short-story writer and essayist Eudora Welty), member, 2007-2011.

Mississippi Civil Rights Education Commission (established by Mississippi Legislature in 2005 to plan and prepare public school curriculum on history of Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi), 2006-2009;

Mississippi Center for Justice, Founding Donor, 2006-present.

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS:

Lines were Drawn, Remembering Court-Ordered Integration at a Mississippi High School, contributor and editor, University Press of Mississippi, release date: February 2016;

Mississippi Writers Talking, Vols. I and II (collection of interviews with Mississippi writers conducted in early 1980s), University Press of Mississippi, 1982 and 1983;

“Nevermore the Metaphor: The Flaming Artist and Me,” article on Mississippi writer Barry Hannah, in *PORTICO* magazine, June 2007;

“What it Takes to be a Good Defense Lawyer,” article in *Mississippi Defense Lawyers’ Quarterly*, winter 2007;

Mississippi Employment Law Handbook, contributing author, University of Mississippi and Thompson/West, 2009;