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HONORABLE JERRY L. STOKES

Memphis, TN



Judge Jerry Stokes is a former trial judge of the 30th Circuit Court in Memphis, who now serves as a mediator, arbitrator, and special master. He was appointed to the court by former Governor Phil Bredesen. While serving 17 years as a trial judge (2005-2022), he presided in over 200 jury trials and helped facilitate hundreds of settlements.

Judge Stokes presided over a wide array of civil disputes including personal injury, medical malpractice, professional malpractice, products liability, insurance (including coverage and bad faith), business/commercial, employment, eminent domain, and financial matters.

Prior to his time as a trial judge, Stokes practiced law with the *Stokes, Wilson and Wright Law Firm* from 1981 until his appointment to the Circuit Court in 2005. He has also previously worked with Walter L. Bailey, D'Army Bailey, the Memphis Area Legal Services, and is a former assistant district attorney. From 1998 to 2005, Stokes served part-time as an assistant divorce referee in Shelby County. He has also served on many occasions as a special judge for the Shelby County General Sessions Court.

Judge Stokes employs a combination of facilitative and evaluative mediation, supplemented by his 40+ years experience as a litigator and judge. His background, experience and skill make him a highly effective mediator with a proven track record of resolving disputes.

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