

## Alan Peterson

Alan E. Peterson is a senior attorney, and former partner and administrative partner with the Lincoln and Omaha based Nebraska firm of Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, L.L.C. He has been a trial attorney with that firm since 1968, and prior to that employment was a law clerk to the Honorable Donald P. Lay of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in 1967-68.

He attended law school at the University of Nebraska College of Law, graduating with honors in 1967. He was the Editor in Chief of the Nebraska Law Review during his senior year at that school. Prior to law school, he had received his A.B. in 1962 and M.A. in 1963 from Nebraska, and had completed all work toward a Ph.D. at Indiana University during the year 1963-64, except for the dissertation which he planned to write the next year had he not changed career plans and headed to law school. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

As a practicing trial attorney, in addition to more routine tort, contract and civil rights cases, he has been involved heavily in death penalty litigation as an appointed defense attorney. He tried the "bad faith" case against the State of Nebraska arising from the State's failure to provide a fair licensing procedure for the proposed low level radioactive waste site at Butte, Nebraska, which resulted in Nebraska's record large verdict and eventual resolution of the case for over 150 million dollars.

Since the late 1960's, Peterson has regularly represented Nebraska's newspaper companies and broadcasters in court and in the Legislature. He has frequently served as counsel for the Nebraska Press Association and the Nebraska Broadcasters Association, and lobbyist for the media coalition called Media of Nebraska since the mid-1970's. His assignments included work on joint programs and committees studying the issue of access by camera to court proceedings. For many years cameras were permitted in appellate hearings, and just since earlier this year, at trials in some of Nebraska's District Courts under carefully tailored rules.

Mr. Peterson is married to Glenda, and they have two grown daughters, Silke and Jennica.

## Justice Jerry Larson, Iowa Supreme Court

Senior Judge Jerry Larson is the longest serving justice of the Iowa Supreme Court in the court's history. Justice Larson was appointed to the Iowa Supreme Court in 1978 when he was 42 years old and retired earlier this year.

He is not the only judge in his family. His son, Jeff, has been a district court judge for five years in the Fourth District and his daughter, Susan, was named district associate judge in that district last fall.

Judge Larson was born, raised, and has now retired to Harlan, Iowa. He received his bachelor's degree in 1958 and law degree in 1960 from the University of Iowa. While at law school, he was an Editor of the Iowa Law Review.

Following his graduation from law school, he was a law clerk for U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge M.D. Van Oosterhout.

Later, Judge Larson practiced law in Harlan with his father and served two terms as Shelby County Attorney. In 1975, he was appointed to the district court bench. He served on the district bench until his appointment to the Iowa Supreme Court.

As a member of the Iowa Supreme Court, Judge Larson played a key role in developing the court's rules for expanded media coverage of Iowa's courts. These rules have served as a model for other states.

Judge Larson is married. He has four children, two stepchildren, and twelve grandchildren.

**Adele P. Grubbs**  
**Judge Cobb County Superior Court**  
**Cobb Judicial Circuit**  
**Marietta, Georgia 30090**

Beginning on January 1, 2001, to present, Ms. Grubbs has served as Superior Court Judge in Cobb County, Georgia. Prior to that, she served as a Judge in Juvenile Court and Assisted Superior Court. She was an Attorney in private practice from 1979-1995. She served as Assistant District Attorney (1<sup>st</sup> woman Assistant D.A. in Cobb County) from 1977-1978. In 1969, Ms. Grubbs was admitted to the Bar in Georgia and was also admitted to all State Courts including Appellate Court and the U.S. Supreme Court, 11<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Courts of Appeal and U.S. District Court. She served as an attorney in private practice during this time period.

Ms. Grubbs attended Manchester University in England. She immigrated to the USA in 1967, and became a naturalized American citizen in 1972.

### **Legal Organizations**

In the Cobb County Bar Association, Ms. Grubbs has held the following officer positions: Past President and Past Secretary, Board of Trustee member from 1987 to 2007, Past Chair of Continuing Legal Education, Public Relations Committee, Law Day and Social Committees, and she is the Founder of the Cobb Justice Foundation, which assists Legal Aid.

### **State Bar of Georgia**

From 1987 to 2007, Ms. Grubbs was an elected member of the Board of Governors. She presently serves on the Advisory Committee on Legislation and is past chair of the Bench and Bar, Bar Center, the Foundation of Freedom, the Indigent Defense and the Committee on the Judiciary (formerly Court Futures).

### **Legal Activities**

Ms. Grubbs is involved in legal activities on the national and local level. She has been a member of the National Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention since 1998. She sat as a Supreme Court Judge when a Justice was disqualified. She holds a Special Master on Lawyer Discipline.

### **Awards**

Several of the many awards received by Ms. Grubbs include the 2006-2007 State Excellence in Bar leadership award and the 2005 Justice Robert Benham Award for Community service. She has been honored with the 2005 Marietta Citizen of the Year award and the 1997 YWCA Woman of Achievement.

## D. Victor Reynolds

D. Victor "Vic" Reynolds is a partner in the law firm of Berry and Reynolds located in Marietta, Georgia. He has an exclusive criminal defense practice handling cases throughout Georgia and surrounding states. Vic was employed as a police officer before attending law school at Georgia State University College of Law. Upon graduation, he was an assistant district attorney prosecuting felony cases. He was lead or second chair in close to 100 jury trials. After 7 ½ years as a felony prosecutor, he was appointed the Chief Magistrate judge in Cobb County. He presided over the Cobb County Drug Court during his 6 years on the bench, disposing of over 5,000 drug cases, including over 100 jury trials. In 1999 he left the bench and began his current practice.

Vic and his partner, Jimmy Berry, handle only criminal defense cases. He has tried cases covered from Gavel to Gavel on Court TV. His cases have been covered and seen on such shows as 48 Hours Mystery, 20/20 Prime Time, the Oxygen Channels' "Snapped" series, A & E's "American Justice," and numerous local TV, radio, and print outlets.