

Robert Flowers Baker

Biographical Information

PERSONAL

BORN: December 15, 1935, Durham, North Carolina.

RESIDENCE:
AND OFFICE: 3126 Cornwall Road,
Durham, North Carolina 27707

FAMILY: Married, three children, two step-children, seven grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren.

EDUCATION: Durham City Schools; Episcopal High School, Alexandria, Virginia; Davidson College (A.B. 1958); Duke Law School (J.D. 1961).

MILITARY: Honorable discharge with rank of Captain, U.S. Army Reserves; Active Duty 1961-1963, U.S. Army Intelligence Corps.

PROFESSIONAL

LAW PRACTICE: Private practice 1963-2000 (Partner in Spears, Barnes, Baker etc.)

Practice now limited to Arbitration and Mediation

Certified Mediator since 1993.

Arbitrator in Federal and State Courts since 1987.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: North Carolina Bar Association. Member since 1963. Chairman of Young Lawyers Section, 1971-72; Board of Governors, 1974-77; 1981-84; Chairman, Practical Training Committee, 1972-78; Chairman, Membership Committee, 1977-78; Chairman, Membership Survey Committee, 1978-79; Member, Local Bar Liaison Committee, 1978-80; Chairman, Trial Advocacy Committee, 1979-81; Member of Nominations Committee, 1980-81; Member of Bar Center Planning Committee 1980-81; Lecturer, Institute on Civil Litigation Techniques, October, 1980; Member, Trial Practice Curriculum Committee, 1985-89; Member, John J. Parker Award Committee 1984- (Chairman, 1984-85); President-Elect, 1981-82; President, 1982-83; Dispute Resolution Section, (1994-present)

American Bar Association. 1963-2000. Member, Litigation

Section; Recipient, Certificate of Performance, Young Lawyers Section

North Carolina State Bar. Councilor 1990-1998; Member of Grievance Committee (1990-93); Professionalism Committee (1992-1995); Lawyers Trust Accounts Committee (Chairman 1994,1995); Committee to Monitor Lawyer Advertising (Chairman 1995,96); Bylaws, Rules and Policies Committee (1994-1995); Ethics Committee (Chairman 1996-98); Budget, Finance and Audit Committee (1998) Executive Committee (1996-98)

14th Judicial District Bar Association. Member since 1963. Treasurer, 1977-78; Vice President, 1978-79; President, 1979-80; Member of Grievance Committee, 1990

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers. 1981- Present (State Chairman, 1991-1993.)

North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, Board of Directors, 1981-84.

Private Adjudication Center, Board of Directors 1994- 2000

Who's Who in American Law.

IOLTA Board of Trustees, 2003-present. (Chairman 2006-2007)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Tobaccoland Kiwanis Club. Member 1963-98; Board of Directors, 1968-72; Vice President, 1973-74; President-Elect, 1974-75; President, 1975-76.

Director of Guaranty State Bank 1972-1998

Hope Valley Country Club, Board of Governors, 2001-2004; President, 2004

United Fund of Durham. Budget Advisory Committee, 1964; Division Chairman, 1965.

St. Stephens Episcopal Church. Member since 1959; Member of Vestry, 1966-69, 1971-74, 1980-83; Senior Warden, 1973-74; Lay Reader 1965-1994; Sunday School Teacher, 1979-80.

Board of Trustees, Episcopal High School, 1976, 1978-84.

Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Who's Who in the South & Southeast.

Board of Trustees, Eastern North Carolina Chapter of Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1984-87

Recipient, Order of The Long Leaf Pine, 1979

Durham Academy Distinguished Alumni Award, 1984

Board of Directors, Lenox Baker Children's Hospital 1998-