



Douglas Jones

Doug Jones was appointed as United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama in 1997. As United States Attorney, Mr. Jones personally led the team of prosecutors and investigators in the re-opened historic "cold case" of the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham. Mr. Jones served as lead trial attorney in the successful prosecutions of two former Ku Klux Klansmen for the murder of four young girls killed in the bombing. He also coordinated the federal and state task force that led to the indictment and conviction of notorious fugitive Eric Robert Rudolph, who ultimately pled guilty to four terrorist bombings in Birmingham and Atlanta and who is currently serving a life sentence.

In recognition of his work in the area of civil rights, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute awarded Mr. Jones the 15th Anniversary Civil Rights Distinguished Service Award. He is a regular presenter at Continuing Legal Education seminars, civil rights history workshops, law schools and Inns of Court. He has appeared on 60 Minutes, Good Morning America, The Today Show, the CBS Morning Show and regularly provides legal commentary on local and national media programs such as CNN Headline News, NPR and a variety of other television and radio programs.

Prior to his term as U.S. Attorney, Mr. Jones served as an Assistant United States Attorney from 1980-84 and was in private practice in Birmingham until his appointment. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama (B.S. 1976) and Cumberland School of Law at Samford University (J.D. 1979) and began his career as Staff Counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee for the late Senator Howell Heflin from Alabama until June, 2001. Since leaving the U.S. Attorney's Office in June 2001, he has been a partner at leading litigation firms in Birmingham, until co-founding his current firm, Jones & Hawley.