



## **HONORABLE STANWOOD R. DUVAL, JR.**

**Education:** Louisiana State University, JD, 1966; Louisiana State University, BA, 1964.

**Accomplishments:** United States District Court Judge, Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA (October 1994 to January 2017). Presided over wide range of cases including complex maritime litigation, contract disputes, large scale insurance coverage disputes, commercial litigation, employment law issues including Title VII, FLSA (such as collective actions), ADEA, ADA, and Civil Rights, ERISA, products liability cases, and interpretation of collective bargaining agreements. Most notable cases were consolidated under *In re Katrina Canal Breaches Consolidated Litigation*. Undertook the management of all of the litigation arising out of the failure of the levee system in the New Orleans area after Hurricane Katrina, which had over 1,200 cases comprised of hundreds of thousands of claims. As a result, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana systematically adjudicated in as rapidly and as economically as possible all of the legal issues necessary for determining liability and responsibility for the breaches of the levees and floodwalls surrounding Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemine Parishes. Senior Partner, Duval, Funderburk, Sundbery & Lovell, Houma, LA (1986 – 1994). Partner, Duval, Funderburk, Sundbery & Lovell, Houma, LA (1966 – 1986). Participated as lead counsel in hundreds of trials involving mineral law, corporate disputes, personal injury, commercial litigation, probate and estate disputes, state and local taxation issues, utilities litigation, contract disputes, municipal law, and a wide range of other topics. These trials were conducted in both state and federal court. Served as lead counsel in approximately sixty appellate cases, including appearances before the Louisiana Supreme Court and the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal. Some of these cases involved significant issues of law and are cited as precedent. During last ten years at the firm, concentrated on mineral litigation, personal injury litigation and commercial litigation. “AV” rated, Martindale-Hubbell. Also served as Parish Attorney for the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government from 1888 to 1993.

**Affiliations:** Member of the Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules to the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts from 1997 to 2003, the Council of the Louisiana Law Institute from 1996 to 2000, and the Fifth Circuit Judicial Council from 2004 to 2007. Elected to the Louisiana Constitutional Convention of 1973 and served on the Committee to Write Rules of Procedure and the Committee on Executive Branch. Admitted to the Bar of the State of Louisiana, April 28, 1966.