





Judge Charles B. Mikell was born in Savannah, Georgia, on December 25, 1941 to Charles B. Mikell and Claudia Cleland Mikell. He attended public schools and the Savannah Country Day School. In 1963, Judge Mikell graduated from Princeton University with an A.B. in history and a commission (from R.O.T.C.) as a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army Reserve. After a brief stint at the University of Georgia School of Law, he entered active duty with the Army in April, 1964.

Judge Mikell served for five years in the Army as an intelligence officer, reaching the rank of Captain. After completing the Infantry Officer's Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, he attended several intelligence schools including a one-year course in the Czech language at the Presidio of Monterey in California. Judge Mikell's duty stations included Massachusetts, Maryland and posts in West Germany along the Czechoslovak and East German borders.

After completing his duty in Germany, Judge Mikell served as an advisor to South Vietnamese forces for one year. After performing six months of special duty for the Central Intelligence Agency, he became Senior Intelligence Advisor, Pleiku Province, in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. In 1969 Judge Mikell was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service and the Republic of Vietnam's Gallantry Cross (First Class).

After leaving the Army, Judge Mikell enrolled at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, as a graduate student specializing in Central European History. He was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for a year of dissertation research in Prague and London. From 1973 to 1974 he served as an acting assistant professor of history at Armstrong State College in Savannah, teaching Soviet History and Western Civilization.

In 1974 Judge Mikell returned to law school where he received a Hughes Spalding Scholarship and served as a Senior Editor of the *Georgia Law Review*. After graduating *cum laude*, he practiced law for nine years in Savannah before being appointed a Chatham County State Court Judge in 1985. He served as Chief Judge from 1989 to 1992, and as President of the Council of State Court Judges from 1989 to 1990. He won election to an open seat on the Superior Court in 1992 and was re-elected in 1996. Judge Mikell was appointed to the Georgia Court of Appeals in May, 2000, by Governor Roy E. Barnes.

His community activities have included serving as Chairman of the Board of the King-Tisdell Cottage Foundation, a museum of African-American history and culture; as President of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Justice Center (a non-profit mediation center); and on the boards of the United Way, Boy Scouts (Coastal Empire Council), Chatham Academy (a school for children with learning disabilities), and the Savannah Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. He has taught Sunday School, sung in the choir and been a vestryman at Christ Episcopal Church in Savannah. For three years, he coached basketball in the ten-and-under league at the Victor B. Jenkins Memorial Boys Club.

Judge Mikell is married to Julia LeCraw Mikell, M.D., a neurologist. They have three sons, Chuck, John and Sam.

His publications include "Jury Instructions and Proximate Cause," 27 Ga. St. Bar J. 60 (1990); "Towage Accidents and the Implied Warranty of Workmanlike Service," 10 Ga. L. Rev. 794 (1974); and "Frantisek Lutzow a Praha, 1902-1911," 18 Sbornik Narodniho Muzea v. Praze Series C, N. 3/5 at 71 (1972) (with Josef Polisensky).