



HAROLD R. BANKE was born in Pilot Point, Texas, August 8, 1916. He graduated Pilot Point High School (1935). On graduation from high school, he enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), and while there attended Texas Wesleyan College, graduating from The College of Marshall (now East Texas Baptist University) in 1939; attended Southern Methodist and National University (now George Washington) Law Schools, and during third year enlisted in the U. S. Army, WW II; selected for O. C. S., and served as Agent, Security Intelligence Corps (S. I. C.), Office of Provost Marshal General; retired as Reserve Lieutenant Colonel.

On release from the Army, he was employed with the Veterans' Administration, Washington, D. C.; transferred to Atlanta, where he entered John Marshall Law School (night division), graduating cum laude in 1951 with LL.B.; LL.M., 1964; J.D., 1970; Doctor of Laws (Hon.), 1979; admitted to all State and Federal Courts in 1951; completed month-long basic course and three graduate courses at National College of the Judiciary.

He served as City Attorney, Riverdale and Morrow; Deputy Assistant Attorney General; County Attorney (Clayton); Assistant Solicitor-General, Solicitor-General, and Judge, Superior Court, Clayton Circuit, 1961-1977, the last 15 years as Chief Judge; appointed to Court of Appeals of Georgia in 1977 by Governor George Busbee; Chief Judge, January 1, 1985, to December 31, 1986; Presiding Judge, January 1, 1987.

He is a past president of the Clayton Circuit Bar Association; Institute of Judicial Administration; American Judicature Society; Judicial Section, ABA; Georgia Delegate to National Conference of State Trial Judges; Board of Governors, Georgia Bar Association; and past president of the Council of Superior Court Judges.