

WADE L. HOPPING

Biographical Details

Personal

- Born Dayton Ohio, August 12, 1931
- Died Tallahassee, Florida, August 11, 2009
- Survived by his beloved wife of 38 years, Mary Hopping of Tallahassee
- Survivors include a sister, Wanda Scurlock of Dayton Ohio; children Hank and Margaret Hopping of Chattanooga, TN; Jud and Jackie Hopping of Fort Lauderdale; Kiff and Lynn Mendoza of Tallahassee; and Mary Beth Mendoza and Maureen Murphy of Atlanta, GA; and grandchildren Will and Lily Hopping of Chattanooga, TN; and Haley Mendoza of Tallahassee
- Active Member, Faith Presbyterian Church of Tallahassee and its Empty Nesters Sunday School Class

Legal Career

- Founding Member, Hopping Green & Sams, 1979-
- Managing Director, Tallahassee office of Mahoney Hadlow Chambers & Adams of Jacksonville and Miami, 1969-1979
- Justice, Florida Supreme Court, 1968-1969
- Legislative Assistant and Constitutional Law Advisor, Governor Claude Kirk, 1967-1968
- Director, Continuing Legal Education, The Florida Bar, 1964-1967
- Research Assistant, Chief Justice Glenn Terrell, Florida Supreme Court, 1962-1964
- General practice of law, Palm Beach, Florida, 1960-1961
- Research Assistant, Justice T. Frank Hobson, Florida Supreme Court, 1958-1959
- General practice of law, Columbus, Ohio, 1957-1958
- Division Defense Counsel and Legal Assistance Officer, 24th Infantry Division, and Tank Platoon Leader, 6th Tank Battalion, Korea, 1955-1957

Affiliations

- Chairman, Board of Trustees, Pacific Legal Foundation, 2008-present
- Member, Florida Chamber of Commerce, Board of Governors
- President, Florida Chamber of Commerce, 1986-1987
- Member, The Florida Bar – Chair, Environmental and Land Use Law Committee
- Member, American Bar Association -- Chair, Section on Bar Activities, 1974-1975
- Member, Florida Law Revision Council, 1967-1974, Chair, 1972-1974

- Member, Environmental Land Management Study Committee (ELMS II), 1983-1984
- Adjunct Professor Law, Florida State University (Environmental Law, 1978; Land Use Regulation, 1984)
- Member, Tallahassee Bar Association
- Member, Fellows of the American Bar Foundation

Education

- Ohio State University, L.L.B./J.D., 1955
- Ohio State University, B.A. (Political Science) 1953

Bar Admissions

- Ohio Bar, 1955
- Florida Bar, 1958

Awards and Recognition

- Listed in Best Lawyers in America, for Environmental Law, 1989-2009
- Listed in Chambers USA, America's Leading Business Lawyers, as "Senior Statesman" for Zoning/Land Use Law, 2003-2009 Edition
- Listed in Florida Trend Magazine's "Legal Elite" for Environmental and Land Use Law, 2004-2009
- Named to Florida Trend Magazine's "Legal Elite Hall of Fame", 2009. Listed in Florida Super Lawyers for Land Use/Zoning Law, Political Law and Environmental, 2006-2009
- Achieved Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating for legal ability and ethical standards