

2022 ABF Fellow Outstanding State Chair Award



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Mr. Coplin received his B.S. from Jacksonville State University and his J.D. from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law. A Benefactor Fellow of the ABF, he served as municipal judge for the Cities of Demopolis and Faunsdale, as Assistant District Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Alabama and as City Attorney for the Town of Myrtlewood. From 1997 through 2015 he represented Alabama lawyers in the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association.

In January 2006, he became the first attorney in Alabama to be board certified in social security disability by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. In 2009 he was the first attorney in Alabama to be recognized in the area of social security disability by *Super Lawyers* magazine, and he has been named a Super Lawyer twelve years in a row. Mr. Coplin has served as president of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, President of the Demopolis Area Chamber of Commerce and President of the Marengo County Historical Society. In 2012 he was appointed for a three year term on the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association, representing District 5, which is composed of lawyers in Alabama, North Carolina and Kentucky. In 2015, he was elected Alabama State Chairman of the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation.

Mr. Coplin is a member of the Atticus Finch Society of the Alabama Bar Foundation. He has served as Chairman of the Marengo County Democratic Executive Committee since May, 1990. He served as trustee of Samford University from 1985 to 1997. He served as a trustee of the Alabama State Baptist Foundation from 2010 to 2016. He is admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court, the Alabama Supreme Court, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Alabama. He and his wife, Betsy, have four children and eight grandchildren.