

## DON BURGESS



Judge Don Burgess' legal career has spanned more than four decades, from service as an assistant district attorney and later judge of the 260th District Court in Orange County, to private practice, to 20 years as an associate justice of the 9th Court of Appeals. As an appellate judge he participated in 12,000 cases, personally writing opinions for more than 4,500 of them. When he retired from the court and took senior status in 2005 he was the senior appellate judge in the state, having first won election at age 31. Burgess now serves as senior district and appellate judge in the Second Administrative Judicial Region. Burgess served 32 years in the Army Reserve and retired as a Colonel in the Judge Advocate General's corps. He is also known as an avid supporter of Lamar athletics, including service as President of the Cardinal Club.

Burgess was born in Beaumont October 28, 1946. He graduated from Huntsville High School and received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin in 1968, a Doctor of Law from the University of Houston in 1971 and a Master of Law from the University of Virginia in 1992.

*“Don Burgess is one of the most academically bright legal scholars I’ve ever met. Many times over the years, when I was dealing with a tough or confusing legal issue, I would go to Judge Burgess. I always admired Don for his devotion to his family, his community, to the great state of Texas and to his nation.”*

- Jefferson County Judge Ron Walker  
Former Chief Justice, 9th Court of Appeals