



William L. Gary, Sr.

William (Bill) L. Gary, Sr. came to Tallahassee in 1959 after graduating from Miami Senior High School. In 1961 Bill returned briefly to Miami, but soon returned to Tallahassee, where he held numerous jobs, married and started a family. When Tallahassee Community College first opened, Bill enrolled in a night accounting course while working full time with the state of Florida. Bill soon reduced his work hours and enrolled full time at TCC.

Upon receiving his Associate of Arts degree at TCC, Bill attended Florida State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Welfare. While at FSU, Bill interned at the Federal Correctional Institution in

Tallahassee, where he conducted the first group therapy sessions at the institution.

Bill went on to receive a Juris Doctorate degree from the FSU College of Law on December 15, 1971. During his tenure, he served as president of the Student Bar Association.

Bill was hired by the Pennington Law Firm and later became a partner in the firm. He practiced law until he was elected and sworn in as circuit judge in January 1985. During his term as circuit judge, he heard cases in every county in the Second Judicial Circuit.

Bill retired on December 31, 2008 after serving four terms as circuit judge. Since his retirement, Bill serves as a senior judge for the Second Judicial Circuit.

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