

## Robert L. Gibbs

Robert L. Gibbs is a Partner at Gibbs Travis PLLC in Jackson, Mississippi. He attended Tougaloo College where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1976 and he earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1979. After leaving law school, Gibbs practiced law at Southeast Mississippi Legal Services in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Later Gibbs served the Eleventh Circuit District as an Assistant District Attorney and then spent ten years with the Mississippi Attorney General's Office. At the Attorney General's Office, Gibbs served as head of the Civil Litigation Division and as Deputy Attorney General, in charge of Local Government/Opinions. In 1990, Gibbs was elected to the position of Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit District, where he served for seven years. While a Circuit Judge, Gibbs served as Chairman of the Conference of Circuit Judges and he instructed judges from across the United States as a faculty member of the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. Gibbs also served on the faculty of the Institute for Faculty Excellence in Judicial Education, where he was a contributing author to the textbook *"On Faculty Excellence in Judicial Education."*

Gibbs focuses his practice on mass tort litigation, business litigation, product liability, white collar criminal defense and alternative dispute resolution. His work in litigation has earned him recognition in Chambers USA, a London based published guide to America's leading lawyers. He is also ranked in the prestigious Best Lawyers in America directory as well as Super Lawyers' Top 50 in Mississippi. Gibbs has also served in leadership roles in numerous professional organizations. He has served as Commissioner of the Mississippi Bar, President of the Charles Clark Chapter of the America Inns of Court, President of the Mississippi Bar Foundation, President of the Fellow of Mississippi Young Lawyers, and President of the Fifth Circuit Bar Association. He is a fellow of the Mississippi Bar Foundation, Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is a member of the Mississippi Bar, Capital Area Bar, Magnolia Bar Association, American Bar Association, National Bar Association, American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), and the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC). Gibbs has been appointed by the Mississippi Supreme Court to serve on the Complaint Tribunal, the task force to study Gender Fairness in Mississippi Courts and on the committee on Bar Admissions. Gibbs also is on the ABA's Law School Site Accreditation Team.

Gibbs is active in the Jackson Community. He serves as Chair of the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chair of Hope Federal Credit Union, and Chair of the United Way of the Capitol Area. He is a former President of the 100 Black Men of Jackson and is a past president of the Jackson Arts Alliance. He serves on the board of directors for the following organizations: First Commercial Bank, New Stage Theater, Big Brothers Big Sisters, The Salvation Army, Mission Mississippi, Mississippi Museum of Arts, Jackson Arts and Music Festival, and Enterprise Corporation of the Delta. Gibbs was co-chair of the effort that led to the historic passage of the \$150,000,000.00 bond referendum for the Jackson Public Schools. Gibbs

has also served as one of the final round judges for the High School Mock Trial competition for 15 years, serving the last several years as the presiding judge.

For his work in the Bar and the community, Gibbs has received the following awards: The award of Distinction from the University of Mississippi, Boss of the Year from the Jackson Legal Secretary Association, Friendship Award from Jackson 2000, Volunteer of the Year from Goodwill Industries, Jack C. Young, Sr. Award from the Jackson Branch of the NAACP, Image Award from Phi Beta Sigma, Distinguish Service Award from the Mississippi Bar Foundation. In 2008, Gibbs was inducted into the Tougaloo College Hall of Fame in the area of Government and Law.

Gibbs is a member of the Free Mission Baptist Church where he serves as a Deacon. He and his wife, Debra have been married for 25 years and they have two children, Ariana, a law student at the University of Mississippi School of Law and Justis, a Sophomore at Howard University.