

JUDGE GARY W. WADE, JD

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Judge Gary Wade received both his law degree and his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee. From 1972 until 1987, he practiced law in Sevierville where he also served as mayor of the city from 1977 to 1987. He was appointed and then elected as a judge on the Court of Criminal Appeals from 1987-2006 and held the position of Presiding Judge for that court for the last eight years of his term. Judge Wade was appointed to the Tennessee Supreme Court in 2006 and served as Chief Justice from September 1, 2012, to August 31, 2014. He served as president of the Tennessee Judicial Conference in 1995-1996 and is the founder of the organization's scholarship foundation. After announcing his retirement from the Supreme Court in 2015, Judge Wade was named Dean of Lincoln Memorial University's Duncan School of Law. Judge Wade and his wife, Sandy, have three children: A. Zachary Wade, Katherine Wade, and Elizabeth Wade Simonis. They are also the proud grandparents of six grandchildren: Taegen, Claire, Gretchen, Chaz, Reagan, and Sidney.