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## **Governor Musgrove Appoints James P. Brantley to Court of Appeals Bench**

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has appointed James P. Brantley as the Court of Appeals Judge for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, Place 2. Brantley's term is effective August 24, 2001, and ends January 1, 2003. He is filling the unexpired term of Mary Libby Payne.

"Jim Brantley brings over thirty years' experience to the bench, in both the public and private sectors," Musgrove said. "This experience will serve him well in this new position and, more importantly, it will serve the public well."

Brantley, a native of Walnut Grove, Mississippi, graduated from Mississippi State University and received his law degree from the University of Mississippi Law School. He has worked with the Mississippi State Senate in the Legislative Services division, and served as general counsel for the State Department of Mental Health for eight years. He has been in private practice since 1983.

Brantley and his wife, Brenda, have two grown children. They live in Madison, Mississippi.