

William L. Pope

Mr. Pope, a partner in the law firm of Pope & Rodgers in Columbia, is a graduate of Wofford College, the University of South Carolina School of Law and was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1959. Mr. Pope began his legal career as Assistant Attorney General for the State of South Carolina. He has been an active member of the Richland County, South Carolina and American Bar Associations, holding numerous offices and chairing innumerable committees. Pope has served as President of both the South Carolina Bar (1977) and the Richland County Bar Association (1982 – 1983). In 1979, Mr. Pope was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers and is listed in the *Best Lawyers in America* in the practice areas of personal injury and First Amendment litigation.

For the past decade, Mr. Pope has served as the South Carolina representative to the American Bar Association House of Delegates. In 2000, he was seated as one of only 37 members on the ABA Board of Governors. Mr. Pope represents the 16<sup>th</sup> District (South Carolina, Maryland, Delaware and Mississippi), serves on the Operations and Communications Committee and acts as liaison to the National Conference of Federal Trial Lawyers, the Special Committee on Death Penalty Representation, the Special Committee on Medical Professional Liability and the Coordinating Committee on Immigration Law.

In addition to serving the legal profession, Mr. Pope has dedicated himself to serving the community. He has served as Chairman of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission, President of the Bethlehem Community Center and President of the Fund for Mental Health. He also is active with the United Methodist Church. In 1987, Governor Richard Riley awarded him the prestigious Order of the Palmetto for his invaluable service to South Carolina. In nominating his father, T. Lowndes Pope said, “Most important to him, throughout all of his service to the Bar, is continuing to earn the respect of his peers.”