

William W. (Wes) Jones

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Wes Jones was born in Greenville, South Carolina, in April 1946. He attended the public schools in Greenville before enrolling at Darlington School in Rome, Georgia, from which he graduated in 1964.

Following his graduation from Darlington, he entered The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. While at The Citadel, he was elected President of the Class of 1968 and, upon graduation, was named as a Distinguished Military Student and commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Before entering active duty, he attended the University of South Carolina Law School and was elected by his class to represent USC Law School at the National Convention of the American Bar Association during his senior year. Upon graduation from Law School, Wes completed his active duty and was honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant.

Upon completion of military service, Wes moved from Greenville to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, in 1972 and immediately became involved as a Charter Member of the Hilton Head Lions Club, the Hilton Head Island Jaycees, the Vestry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and numerous other professional and civic organizations.

Wes was listed in Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges in 1968 and in Outstanding Young Men of America in 1978. Wes was elected to the first Town Council of Hilton Head after its incorporation in 1983.

Wes was appointed by Beaufort County as its Representative to the South Carolina Coastal Council in August 1986, and he was elected Vice Chairman in September 1988. He was elected Chairman of the Coastal Council in July 1991 and served as Chairman until 1993. In 1989, Governor Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. appointed Wes to serve as the South Carolina Representative to the Coastal States Organization. Additionally, he is a member of the American Bar Association, and the South Carolina Bar Association. He is Senior Partner in the Law Firm of Jones, Simpson & Newton, P.A. He is a past President of the Hilton Head Island Bar Association and the Hilton Head Island Community Playhouse.

The Jones family moved to Bluffton, South Carolina in 1993, and attends the Church of the Cross in Bluffton.

In 2002-2003 Wes served as Co-Chairman of the Citizens Task Force to make USC-Beaufort a four (4) year baccalaureate degree granting branch of the University of South Carolina. In this capacity, he worked with Legislative leaders and the University's Board of Trustees to retain the requisite approvals. Additionally, Wes, along with other representatives of USC-Beaufort, developed a plan for funding USC-Beaufort's expansion by means of Tax Incremental Financing, which has resulted in the development of a new \$35,000,000.00 campus for USC-Beaufort, without cost to the State or the University.

In 2004, the Board of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control asked Wes to undertake the Chairmanship of the South Carolina Council on Coastal Futures, established by DHEC to conduct a review and make recommendations for needed changes or

modifications to the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act. Wes accepted this appointment, and after eighteen months of deliberation, delivered to the Board of Health and Environmental Control and the DHEC Office of Coastal Resource Management, the findings and report of the South Carolina Council on Coastal Futures on the 10th day of June, 2004. Wes was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his leadership by the DHEC Board.

In 2013, the Board of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control asked Wes to undertake the Chairmanship of the Blue Ribbon Committee on Shoreline Management, established by DHEC to conduct a review and make recommendations for needed changes or modifications for improved Beach Front Management in South Carolina. Wes accepted this appointment and after fifteen (15) months of deliberation, delivered to the Board of Health and Environmental Control and the DHEC Office of Coastal Resource Management the Findings and Report of the South Carolina Blue Ribbon Committee on Shoreline Management on the 5th day of February, 2013.

In 2004, Wes successfully ran for the 14th Judicial Circuit Seat on the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees and was re-elected in 2008, 2012, and most recently by the South Carolina Legislature in 2016. He is currently serving as 1 of 5 members on the Executive Committee of the Board, and in addition serves as a member on the Audit & Compliance Committee, Intercollegiate Athletics Committee and Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning.

Wes served on the National Board of Directors of Community Bible Study headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado from 2009-2015 and also served on the Board of the Bluffton Community Foundation of the Low Country.

In October of 2009, the Town of Bluffton Town Council adopted a Resolution to appoint a May River Waterbody Implementation Committee tasked with ensuring coordination and implementation of the May River Waterbody Management Plan adopted by the Town in July of 2009, which was developed in order to provide a strategy to protect the May River and its Outstanding Resource Water designation. Wes was voted on and selected to serve as Chairman of that Committee, which he did from October 2009 until June of 2012, when the Implementation Committee was dissolved and the May River Waterside Action Plan Advisory Committee (WAPAC) was created and established to advance the overall goals of the May River Watershed Action Plan. Currently, Wes is serving as Chairman of WAPAC, the position to which he was appointed by the Town Council of Bluffton on June 29, 2012.

Wes is married to Margaret Dobson Jones, formerly Margaret Dobson of Greenville, South Carolina, who is very active in local, civic and church affairs, and they have four daughters, Dorothy Elizabeth, 45; Mary Margaret, 42; Priscilla Jourdan, 40 and Weston Waight, 30.