

# RUSH TO JUSTICE?

TENNESSEE'S FORGOTTEN TRIAL OF THE CENTURY — SCHOOLFIELD 1958

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Jerry H. Summers is a practicing attorney in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He has served as an assistant district attorney, criminal defense attorney, and personal injury and labor lawyer since he began the practice of law in 1966. He has argued cases before the United States and Tennessee Supreme Courts and has been involved in numerous landmark decisions in both civil and criminal law.

- ◇ Valuable insights into the colorful character and motivations of Raulston Schoolfield. *Rush to Justice?* captures the rich backdrop of the community and times of this remarkable and complex personality. While Summers' in-depth research is obvious, he weaves the facts into a highly engaging story which reads like fiction, yet it is all too true.  
*Muecke Barker, retired Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court*
- ◇ Remarkable life story of Raulston Schoolfield's journey and struggles for redemption in a legal and judicial career engulfed by the turbulent times of mid-twentieth century politics. Summers presents provocative research for the reader to decide if justice was done in Judge Schoolfield's 1958 Senate impeachment trial, or if he was the uncompromising victim of political enemies abusing executive and legislative powers.  
*Wm. Ralph Hill, Jr., Senior Judge, Superior Court of the State of Georgia*
- ◇ While reading the story of the colorful and controversial Raulston Schoolfield, I found myself transitioning constantly — at one moment feeling admiration for Schoolfield only to have the admiration replaced by confusion, doubt and skepticism about his choices. *Rush to Justice?* tells a fascinating story about Tennessee history, politics and law. It is a story much enhanced by Jerry Summers' dogged research and his unique perspective on his beloved home town and profession. We can only hope that Jerry will have mercy on his readers and tell the rest of Schoolfield's story in a subsequent volume.  
*Penny White, University of Tennessee law professor and former Tennessee Supreme Court Justice.*
- ◇ Provides a full-bodied view of Raulston Schoolfield, a talented trial lawyer whose controversial behavior confounded several members of the legal community. But perhaps most interesting is the delicate, balanced picture that attorney Jerry Summers paints of the state Senate and the connections and events that lead to Schoolfield's impeachment. Was it politics as usual, or the appropriate punishment for a judicial figure accused of bribery and extorting campaign help from racketeers? The reader has all the necessary tools to decide.  
*Zack Peterson, Courts Reporter, Chattanooga Times Free-Press*
- ◇ Jerry Summers' life-long passion for - and commitment to the law - shines through in *Rush to Justice*. Summers, a legendary trial lawyer, defends the poor and innocent and challenges the rich and powerful. He has witnessed true political corruption but also has defended those who were falsely accused. In short, Jerry Summers possesses the unique experiences to tell this story with knowledge and passion. The amazing tale of Judge Raulston Schoolfield, who rose to become one of the most controversial judges in Tennessee, only to fall hard amid allegations of unethical and illegal conduct, should be taught in law schools and in CLE programs across the South. When do we get Part II?  
*Mark Curriden, Dallas Morning News legal writer and co-author of award winning book, Contempt of Court*

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