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## **“ATP Update and Legislative Session”**

**Representative Craig Ford**

**Monday, August 16 3:00-4:30 PM Alabama A**



**Representative Craig Ford**

**Representative Craig Ford** was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 2000. He is a native of Gadsden, Alabama.

His wife, Gwen Glover, is a teacher at Gadsden State Community College. They have two children: Jon Craig and Wells Elizabeth.

He received his B.S. Degree in Marketing from Auburn University.

He is the owner of Hodges-Ford Insurance Agency. He is also the owner of The Messenger newspaper.

Representative Ford was a Captain in the United States Army Reserves. He is a board member Breakaway Ministries, and is a Deacon of the First Baptist Church of Gadsden. He is also a coach for Little League Baseball as well as the YMCA and church Royal Ambassadors Basketball League.

Representative Ford received the Most Outstanding Legislator Award in 2006, Darden Rehabilitation Person of the Year in 2003, Friend of Labor Award in 2007, and was inducted into the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in 2006.

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**Representative David Grimes** was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 2002. He is married to the former Barbara Calhoun of Opelika and they have two sons: John-David and Tyler.

Representative Grimes is a graduate of Troy University and has been in the life insurance business since 1978. He is a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church where he serves as a Deacon.

As a member of the House, Representative Grimes enjoys assisting school children with tours of the House and learning about the legislative process.

His activities include:

- Board Member, Lifeline Children's Services, Inc.
- Board Member, YMCA Camp Chandler (over 20 years)
- Member, Montgomery Rotary Club

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**Representative Johnny Mack Morrow**

**Representative Johnny Mack Morrow** was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 1990. He received his B.S. in Agricultural Economics from Mississippi State University and his M.B.A. in Business Administration from Samford University. He is a Business and Economics Instructor from Northwest Junior College. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Red Bay, a member of the Russellville Civitan Club, the Cahaba Shrine Temple, and the Alabama Education Association. He also serves as President of the Franklin County Cattlemen's Association; and is a former Member of the North Alabama Health Systems Agency and Project Review Committee, past President of the Alabama Cooperative Education Association, and has served on the Board of Directors for the Marion County Farm Bureau. He has received several awards from the Alabama Tourism Industry including the Alabama Travel Council's Award of Excellence.

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**Representative Cam Ward**

**Representative Cam Ward** was elected in 2002.

He was born March 24, 1971. In 1993, he earned his B.S. Degree from Troy State University and in 1996 earned his J.D. from Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham.

He and his wife, Julie, reside in Alabaster and are the parents of one daughter, Riley.

Representative Ward currently is the Executive Director of the Industrial Development Board of Alabaster and is active in numerous community and civic activities.

He serves on the Board of Directors for Leadership Shelby County, the Greater Education Foundation of Shelby County, The American Villiage, and CASA of Shelby County.

Representative Ward is also a member of the Alabama Bar Association and State Executive Committee for the Alabama Republican Party. He and his wife are members of Westwood Baptist Church in Hoover.

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**Representative Richard Lindsey**

**Representative Richard Lindsey** was first elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 1983 and has served as chairman of the powerful Education Finance and Appropriations Committee since 2001.

He is manager of Lindsey Brothers Inc. and is an official or member of the board of directors of several different organizations. He is a member of the advisory board of First Southern Bank, President of Southeastern Cotton Ginners Association, President of Howells Cemetery Association, member of the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce, member of the board of the Cherokee County ALFA Organization and the Coosa-Alabama River Improvement Association.

Representative Lindsey is a former member of the Alabama Cotton Commission and the board of the Cherokee, DeKalb and Marshall Child Care Corporation. He also served as a member of the Alabama State Democratic Executive Committee from 2000-2006.

Representative Lindsey has received numerous awards during his legislative service, including Legislator of the Year from the Alabama Rural Electric Cooperatives, State Representative of the Year from the Alabama Association of Conservation Districts and the Lifetime Legislative Leadership Award for his work on behalf of Alabama's school children from the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools.

He and his wife, Johna, are the parents of two children, Rich and Anna, and are members of Ebenezer United Methodist Church.

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**Senator Lowell Barron**

**Senator Lowell Barron** is serving his seventh term in the Senate. In 1983, he became the only successful write-in candidate in the history of the Alabama Legislature. He was born on April 22, 1942, in Jackson County and received his B.S. degree in Pharmacy from Auburn University.

Senator Barron has four children and five grandchildren. Senator Barron is a businessman, a Democrat, a Baptist, and is a former member of the Auburn University Board of Trustees. He lists hunting, golf, and tennis as his hobbies.

Senator Barron served terms as President Pro Tempore of the Senate, 1999-2006.

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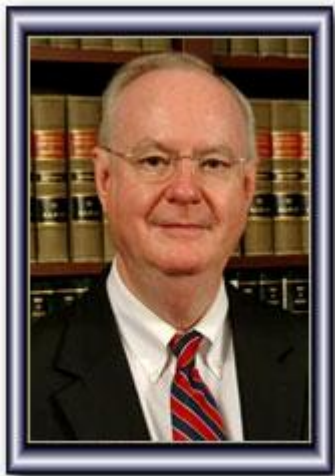
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**Senator Mitchell**, born on September 4, 1940, in Montgomery, is serving his seventh term in the Senate. He received his B.S. degree from Auburn University and his J.D. degree from the University of Alabama. He is Dean Emeritus of Jones School of Law. Senator Mitchell and his wife, Rosalind, are the parents of three children: Maury, Shelly, and Wendy. He is a Democrat and a member of the Church of Christ.

Pursuant to Rule 47(e), Senator Mitchell was appointed Deputy President Pro Tempore on January 16, 2007. Under the provisions of Rule 47(e), Senator Mitchell, as Deputy President Pro Tempore, is a voting member of all Senate Standing Committees, with the exception of the local legislation committees.

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**Senator Marsh**, born in Wheeling, West Virginia, on September 2, 1956, is serving his third term in the Senate. He is a graduate of Auburn University and is the owner of Industrial Plating Co., Inc. in Anniston. Senator Marsh and his wife Ginger are the parents of two children: Justin and Christine. He is an Episcopalian, a Republican, Director of Southern States Bank, and a member of Greater Anniston Business and Professional Association.

**Senator Dell Marsh**

