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A world-renowned prosecutor who brought long-overdue justice to the victims of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing, Jones has built his career on fighting impossible battles. In 2017, he shocked the political establishment by winning a special election to fill a U.S. Senate seat in Alabama—the first Democrat to do so in 25 years in the state. On Capitol Hill, he quickly built a reputation as a well-regarded and effective legislator, passing more than two dozen bipartisan bills into law in just three years.

Jones's first job after graduating from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University was as staff counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary for Sen. Howell Heflin (D-AL). He later served as an assistant U.S. attorney from 1980 to 1984. After leaving government service, Jones entered private practice in Birmingham, Alabama, until President Bill Clinton nominated him as U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama. His nomination was confirmed by the Senate in November 1997, and he served until June 2001. While serving as U.S. Attorney, Jones successfully prosecuted two of the four men responsible for the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church—bringing long awaited-justice nearly 40 years after the horrific attack that killed four young girls. In addition to taking on the Ku Klux Klan, Jones indicted domestic terrorist Eric Rudolph and prosecuted other criminals who used fear, hatred, and violence to violate the rights of others.

Jones is the author of [*Bending Toward Justice: The Birmingham Church Bombing that Changed the Course of Civil Rights*](#) which chronicles the events surrounding the shocking 1963 Alabama church bombing and the 40-year pursuit of accountability that transformed American civil rights forever.

In 2022, President Joe Biden appointed Jones to serve as Nomination Advisor for Legislative Affairs where he played a pivotal role in the historic selection, nomination, and successful confirmation of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court of the United States. Calling upon his former Congressional colleagues, with whom he still maintains strong ties, Jones helped secure the bipartisan support needed to confirm Justice Jackson, making her the first Black woman to serve on the Court.

In 2024, Jones made his global theatrical film debut in the critically acclaimed feature documentary, [WAR GAME](#), which world-premiered at the Sundance Film Festival. The film chronicled a nonpartisan group of former national government, military, and security officials—drawn from the last five presidential administrations—as they worked together in a timed simulation to prevent another January 6th scenario. Jones appeared as U.S. Attorney General, alongside a cast that included former Governor Steve Bullock, Senator Heidi Heitkamp, retired General Wesley Clark, and Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman.

Most recently, the former senator returned to his Birmingham law roots after four years serving as Of Counsel in ArentFox Schiff's AFS Government Relations Group in Washington, D.C. In

addition to his legal practice, Jones is a Senior Distinguished Fellow at the Center for American Progress. He also serves on the Advisory Board of the Progressive Policy Institute and remains actively involved in a range of political and civic organizations.

Jones currently resides in Birmingham, Alabama with his wife, Louise, and dogs, Scout and Dakota. He has three children Courtney (married to Rip Andrews), Carson, and Christopher as well as two grandchildren, Ever and Ollie.