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## John Howard Shows

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The Golden Rule is not just a concept for John Howard Shows. A partner in the firm of ShowsPowell PLLC, of Flowood, he believes in doing unto others as you would have them do unto you.

"I have always conducted myself with judges and other members of the Bar with civility and courtesy, yet represented my clients effectively," he said. "I have consistently and willingly given younger attorneys advice. I believe that if I tell someone something, then it will be done. What you see is what you get with me."

He considers law a profession, a calling. While acknowledging that lawyers must make a living, he refers to Zig Ziglar's saying, "If I can help enough people get what they want, I will get what I want," and added, "That does not necessarily just mean money,

but satisfaction."

After earning bachelor's and jurist doctorate degrees at the University of Mississippi, Shows earned a master's of law at the National Law Center, George Washington University. He served as a JAG officer; associate, partner and managing partner in law firms; an in-house bank counsel; and, developed his own firm. Since 1974, his practice has been primarily in the areas of commercial and residential real estate, representing developers, purchasers and sellers, estate planning, wills and trusts and family law.

"I have represented numerous clients who have continued to be my clients for more than 35 years and have continually referred other individuals to me," he said. "My peers have consistently referred clients to me and have hired me to be an expert witness on real estate matters. It is this for which I am most thankful."

Shows chose "focused" as the one word to describe him because he has the

ability to focus wholly on one activity at a time and give it his all.

"I want to be present for whatever I am doing," he said. "All people want you to be focused on them to the exclusion of all other distractions."

He is active in community organizations, especially Liberty Baptist Church where he is a men's ministry leader, Sunday school teacher and chairman of the finance committee.

His pastor, John R. Cofer, said, "I have known John more than nine years and served with him in our men's ministry and on committees. He is a person of integrity, commitment and responsibility."

— Lynn Lofton



**Age:** 64

**Birthplace:** Hattiesburg

**Family:** Wife, Jane; daughters, Amy and Kerry

**Hobbies:** Running, biking and playing with grandchildren

**Lawyer to have lunch with:** Abraham Lincoln

**Best lawyer movie:** "To Kill a Mockingbird"

**Role model:** My mentor, J. Will Young, and father, John H. Shows

**Top passions:** My Christianity, family and practicing law

**Career goal:** To keep on working and helping people

**One word that describes him:** Focused

**First job:** Hauling hay for my uncle