

Over the last 30 years of his legal career, Evans Plowden has been involved in a national business law practice with an emphasis on agricultural law. He represents the American Peanut Shellers Association and numerous companies in the peanut processing industry throughout the United States. As part of his agricultural practice, Evans played an integral role in the Congressional development of the last five Farm Bills. He has also devoted significant time to regulatory matters before the United States Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration, and the International Trade Commission.

Working with the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), Evans currently is involved in international trade matters. He was jointly appointed to the Agricultural Trade Advisory Committee on Cotton, Tobacco and Peanuts by the Secretary of Agriculture and the USTR. In this role, Evans advises the Secretary and USTR on the negotiation of trade agreements with other countries, both bilateral and multilateral. Among the many other distinctions of Evans' career, he served as President of the State Bar of Georgia in 1991. Evans and a former Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court established a joint commission on Dispute Resolution, which developed what is now the Court Annexed Alternate Dispute Resolution in Georgia.

Subsequently, he chaired the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution, the official state commission that administers the Court Annexed ADR. Evans has also been involved with continuing legal education in Georgia, as well as judicial selection and disciplinary matters relating to lawyers. In the mid '90s, he chaired a committee that developed a proposal for the Georgia Legislature to enact a statute waiving sovereign immunity for the State of Georgia and providing a procedure for tort claims against the State. Consequently, the legislature passed a state Tort Claims Act.

After obtaining his Bachelors Degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology, Evans served as an officer in the U.S. Navy from 1964-66, and then entered Emory University School of Law where he earned a J.D. with Distinction in 1969 and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. Following graduation, Evans moved to Albany to practice law.

Evans is a native of Quitman, Georgia. He and his wife, Jerry, have two grown sons.

