

MEHAFFY

WILLIAMS

FRIDAY

ELDREDGE

1871

1900s

1940s

1952

1953

1960

Attorneys **George E. Dodge** and **Benjamin S. Johnson** formed a partnership representing St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad.

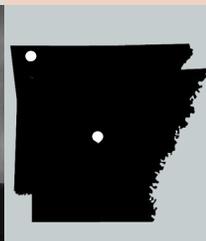
Judge **Thomas M. Mehaffy** joined the firm along with other notable lawyers in the early 1900s, including **J.E. Williams, E. B. Kinsworthy, Lee Miles, R.E. Wiley** and **W. R. Donham**.

The torch was passed to a new generation, including Mehaffy's son, **Pat Mehaffy, Henry Donham** and **Martin Fulk**. They practiced in new areas of law, including insurance.

William J. Smith and **John T. Williams** joined the firm, and a new partnership was formed and renamed to Mehaffy, Smith and Williams. **Herschel Friday** was an associate in the firm.

After their military service, **William A. Eldredge, Jr.** and **Bill S. Clark** joined the firm. Eldredge developed a expertise in trial work and representing railroads. Clark focused on labor relations.

The firm, still under the name Mehaffy, Smith and Williams, expanded into new areas of law by 1960, including taxation, bonds, real estate, securities, litigation, commercial and labor law.



CLARK

SUTTON

EISEMAN

RUSSELL

GARDNER

1974

1994

2000s

2005

2012

2019

The firm formed the partnership as it is known today: Friday, Eldredge & Clark. Friday was the managing partner and chairman who led the firm's growth for the next 20 years.

When Friday passed away unexpectedly in a plane crash, Vice Chairman **William H. Sutton** succeeded him as chairman and managing partner.

The firm continued to grow with the addition Rogers office in North-west Arkansas.

Byron Eiseman, Jr., the firm's vice chairman and architect of the firm's taxation section and succeeded Sutton upon his retirement, becoming the 5th managing partner in the firm.

J. Shepherd Russell III became the managing partner when Eiseman stepped down to focus solely on his tax practice.

Price C. Gardner was named the 7th managing partner in the firm. Gardner previously served as the firm's vice chairman. Russell remains a partner and focuses on his bond practice.