

Chief Justice John Kinsey
(1693-1750)

Term

1743-1750 (years taken from Lawmaking and Legislators in Pennsylvania)

Education

Studied law under David Lloyd

Professional Experience

- Admitted to Philadelphia bar, 1724; New Jersey bar, 1725
- Member, New Jersey Assembly, 1727-August 1733 (Speaker, 1730-1733)
- Member, Pennsylvania General Assembly, 1730-1749; Speaker, 1739-1749
- Commissioner, Pennsylvania-Maryland Boundary Commission, 1737
- Attorney General, Pennsylvania, 1738-1741
- Trustee, General Loan Office, 1738-1750
- Delegate, Albany Convention with the Six Nations, 1745
- Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 1743-1750; commissioned April 1743

Memberships and Associations

- Woodbridge Monthly Meeting
- Shrewsbury Quarterly Meeting
- Clerk, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends, 1729
- Clerk, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, 1739-1750
- Oversee, Quaker Free School

Publications

- The Acts of the General Assembly of the Province of New-Jersey, from the Time of the Surrender of the Government of the said Province, to the Fourth Year of the Reign of King George the Second (1732).
- The Charters and Acts of Assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania in Two Volumes (1742).

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