

Justice William Coleman

1705-1769

Term

1758-1768

Professional Experience

- Member, Philadelphia City Council, 1739
- Council appointed Coleman, Clerk of Philadelphia City Court, September 18, 1747
- Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and Orphans' Court, June 30, 1749
- Justice, Orphans' Court, City and County of Philadelphia, June 5, 1752
- Judge, Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia, November 27, 1757
- Presiding Judge, Orphans' Court of County of Philadelphia, December 19, 1757
- Appointed Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, commissioned April 8, 1758; recommissioned April 8, 1760, March 20, 1761; March 21, 1764; September 14, 1767- retired 1768
- Member, Pennsylvania and Maryland Boundary Commission, 1761

Memberships and Associations

- Founder and first Treasurer, American Philosophical Society, 1743
- Founder, College of Philadelphia (now University of Pennsylvania): Clerk of the Board of Trustees, 1749-1755; First Treasurer, 1749-1764

Sources

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