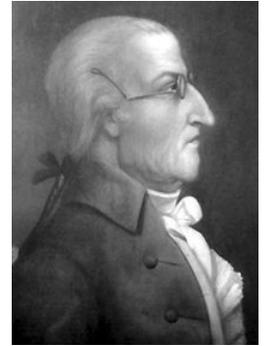


Chief Justice Benjamin Chew
1722-1810

Term
1774-1776

Education

- Studied under Alexander Hamilton, Philadelphia, 1736-August 1741; his father, Dr. Samuel Chew, Chief Justice of Delaware, August 1741-1743
- Middle Temple, London, England, admitted October 27, 1743-1744



Professional Experience

- Admitted to Lancaster County bar, 1742; Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, September 1, 1746; Philadelphia bar, September 1, 1746
- Secretary, Maryland-Pennsylvania Boundary Dispute, 1750-1751, 1768
- Member, Albany Conference, June 1754
- Member, Kent County, Assembly for the Lower Three Counties, 1753-1758
- Member, Provincial Council, 1754-1769
- Attorney General, Pennsylvania, January 14, 1755-November 4, 1769
- Commissioner, Philadelphia, 1761
- Recorder, City of Philadelphia, August 29, 1755-June 25, 1774
- Master of the Rolls, 1755-1774
- Member, Treaty of Easton, 1758
- Register General of Wills, Pennsylvania and Lower Counties, August 14, 1765-1777
- Private Practice, 1769-1774
- Justice of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1774-July 1776
- Governor Thomas Mifflin appointed Chew, President Judge, Pennsylvania High Court of Errors and Appeals, 1791-1806

Memberships and Associations

- Trustee, Academy and College of Philadelphia, 1757-1791

Publications

- Laws of the Government of New-Castle, Kent and Sussex, Upon the Delaware (1752)

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