

Justice Silas M. Clark

1834-1891

Term

January 1883-November 20, 1891

Education

- Jefferson College, B.A., 1852
- Read law with William M. Stewart, Indiana, Pa., 1854-1856

Professional Experience

- Taught at Indiana Academy, November 1853-April 1856
- Admitted to Indiana bar 1857
- Started Democratic Messenger, August 1856-January 1857
- Private Practice, Stewart and Clark, 1858-1873
- Member, Indiana Boro Council, 1860-1868
- Sole Practitioner, 1873-1883
- Elected, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 1882; commissioned December 21, 1882
- Died in Office, November 20, 1891

Honors and Awards

- Honorary LL.D. degree: Lafayette College, 1886

Memberships and Associations

- President, Indiana Literary Society, 1856
- Secretary, Young Men's Library Association of Indiana, 1858
- Notary Public, 1859-1861
- Director, Pottsville, Conemaugh & Mahoning Oil Company, 1865
- Member, Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, 1872
- Trustee, Secretary, President, Normal School, 1872-1891, President 1887-1891
- President, First National Bank of Indiana, 1879

Sources

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