

**Justice William P. Potter**

1857-1918

**Term**

September 25, 1900-April 14, 1918

**Education**

- Lafayette College, 1880
- Studied law in Iowa

**Professional Experience**

- Admitted to the Iowa bar, 1880; Allegheny County bar, May 6, 1882
- Partnership with William A. Stone, 1882-1899
- Governor William Stone appointed Potter, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, September 25, 1900; elected in November 1901
- Died in Office, April 14, 1918

**Honors and Awards**

- Honorary LL.D. degree: Lafayette College, 1907; Swarthmore College, 1911

**Memberships and Associations**

- Historical Society of Pennsylvania, February 24, 1903; Councillor, November 26, 1906
- Director, Mercantile Trust Company
- Director, Mercantile Bank
- Director, Central Accident Insurance Company
- Director, Citizens' Deposit and Trust Company
- Director, First National Bank of McKees Rocks
- Director, Ohio Valley Bank
- Director, Bank of Millvale
- Director, People's National Bank of Tarentum

**Publications**

- Address to the Graduating Class of the Philadelphia Law School of Temple College...Delivered at the Annual Commencement April 2, 1901 (1901)
- The Expansion of Equity in Pennsylvania: An Address Delivered...before the Law Academy of Philadelphia, May 1905 (1905)

**Sources**

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