

Chief Justice Robert von Moschzisker

1870-1939

Term

January 3, 1910-November 24, 1930; Chief Justice, January 3, 1921-November 24, 1930

Education

Read law with Edward Shippen, Philadelphia



Professional Experience

- Company G, First Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, 1887-1892
- Admitted to the Philadelphia bar, June 1, 1896
- Private Practice, Edward Shippen, 1896-1902(?)
- Third Assistant District Attorney, Philadelphia, 1902 and moved up to second assistant and then first assistant
- Elected judge, Court of Common Pleas No. 3 of Philadelphia, November 1903
- Judge, Court of Common Pleas No. 3 of Philadelphia, 1904-January 1910
- Lecturer at University of Pennsylvania Law School
- Elected, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, November 1909; resigned on November 24, 1930
- Counsel, Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll, 1931

Honors and Awards

- LL.D. degree: University of Pennsylvania, Lafayette College, Dickinson College, Pennsylvania Military College, Temple University, Juniata College
- Memberships and Associations
- American, Pennsylvania, and Philadelphia Bar Associations
- President, Pennsylvania Bar Association, 1932
- Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity
- Delta Theta Phi Fraternity
- Historical Society of Pennsylvania
- Union League, Philadelphia
- Duquesne Club, Pittsburgh

Publications

- Trial by Jury; A Brief Review of its Origin, Development and Merits and Practical Discussions on Actual Conduct of Jury Trials, Together with a Consideration of Constitutional Provisions and Other Cognate Subjects of Importance (1922; 2d ed. Rev. and enl., 1930; reprint 1995)
- Judicial Review of Legislation; A Consideration of the Warrants for and Merits of Our American System of Judicially Reviewing Legislation to Ascertain its Constitutional Validity (1923)
- Pending Attacks on Powers of Courts to Review the Constitutionality of Legislation. Reports of the New Jersey Bar Association 115 (1924-25).
- Pennsylvania. Supreme Court. New Rules Promulgated by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as to Registration of Students, the Study of the Law and Admission to the Bar. With Introduction by Robert von Moschzisker ... Recent Changes in the Rules Regulating the Conduct of Preliminary Examination of Prospective Law Students in Pennsylvania, by Walter C. Douglas ... (1927)
- New Rules Promulgated by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as to Registration of Students, The Study of Law and Admission to the Bar. 2 Temple L.Q. 3-28 (Oct. 1927); reprinted 75 no. 47 Pittsburgh Leg. J. 785 (November 19, 1927).
- Equity Jurisdiction in the Federal Courts. 75 U. Pa. L. Rev. 287 (1927)
- Address of Robert von Moschzisker: at Unveiling of Inscribed Boulder to Mark the Birthplace of John Bannister Gibson at Gibson's Mills, Perry County, Pennsylvania, September 27, 1929. (1929?)
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- The Board of Governance of the Bar. 1 Pa. B. Assn. Q. 3 (June 1929).
- The Pennsylvania Judicial Conference. 2 Pa. B. Assn. Q. 2 (December 1929).
- Philadelphia Bar Association. John Marshall and Philadelphia; Dedication Exercises at the Statue of John Marshall, Art Museum, West Entrance, January 7th, 1930. [1930].
- Presidents Address: Legislation. Report of the Thirty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association 3 (1932).
- Standard Pennsylvania Practice; A Complete Statement of the Practice in Civil Cases in the Courts of Common Pleas, Municipal Court of Philadelphia, County Court of Allegheny County, and in the Superior and Supreme Courts. With Forms. (15 vols., 1934-)
- Book Review. (reviewing Courts and the Public Schools). 9 Temple L.Q. 470 (1935).
- Pennsylvania [Legislation]. Report of the Forty-Third Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association 3 (1938)
- With Philip Werner Amram. The Work of the Procedural Rules Committee. 38 Pa. B. Assn. Q. 74 (January 1939).

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