

Chief Justice James B. Drew

1877-1953

Term

September 28, 1931-November 1, 1952; Chief Justice, March 21, 1950- November 1, 1952

Education

- University of Michigan, 1896-1897; Columbia University, A.B., M.A, 1900
- Columbia University School of Law, LL.B.,1900

Professional Experience

- Admitted to New York Bar, November 12, 1900; Allegheny County Bar, September 10, 1902
- Assistant Trial Counsel, Metropolitan Street Railway Co., 1900-1901
- Assistant City Solicitor, City of Pittsburgh, 1906-1912
- Captain, Judge Advocates General Corp, United States Army, World War I
- Elected Judge, County Court of Allegheny County, November 1911
- Judge, County Court of Allegheny County, January 12, 1912 to January 1920
- Elected Judge, Court of Common Pleas in November 1919; re-elected November 1929
- Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, January 1920-January 1931
- Elected Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, November 1930
- Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, January 1931-September 28, 1931
- Governor Gifford Pinchot appointed Drew, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, September 28, 1931
- Elected Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, November 1931
- Governor John Fine commissioned Drew as Chief Justice, March 21, 1950
- Resigned on November 1, 1952

Honors and Awards

- Honorary LL.D. degrees: Duquesne University, St. Francis College, University of Pittsburgh, Dickinson College, Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania

Memberships and Associations

- Vice President, Columbia Law School Alumni Association
- Charter Member, East Liberty Post No. 5 of the American Legion
- Duquesne Club
- The Everglades Club, Palm Beach
- The Bath and Tennis Club, Palm Beach
- Rolling Rock Club of Ligonier
- Union Interalliee (France)

Publications

- Proper Publicity for Officials Can be a Deterrent of Crime, 76 no. 17 Pittsburgh Legal J. 3 (April 28, 1928)

Sources

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