

Justice Roy Wilkinson, Jr.

1915-1995

Term

March 19, 1981-January 4, 1982

Education

- Penn State University, B.A., 1936
- University of Pennsylvania School of Law, LL.B., cum laude, 1939
- Associate Editor, University of Pennsylvania Law Review

Professional Experience

- Admitted to Philadelphia bar, 1939
- Law Clerk, Justice Horace Stern, 1939-1941(?)
- Major, United States Army Field Artillery, World War II, 1941-1946
- Private Practice, Love and Wilkinson, 1946-1960
- Solicitor, Centre County, 1954-1960
- General Counsel, Penn State University, 1960-1970
- Governor Raymond Shafer nominated Wilkinson, Judge, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, April 15, 1970; elected November 1975
- Judge, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, April 15, 1970-March 18, 1981 (one of the original judges appointed to the court)
- Governor Richard Thornburgh nominated Wilkinson as Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, December 22, 1980, confirmed by Senate on January 8, 1981

Honors and Awards

- Honorary LL.D. degree: Susquehanna University, J.D., 1972
- Distinguished Alumnus Award, Penn State University, 1971

Memberships and Associations

- American, Pennsylvania, Centre County Bar Associations
- President, Centre County Bar Association, 1958
- Board of Governors, Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Governor's Crime Commission, 1967-1968
- Pennsylvania Educational Television Commission, 1968
- Chairman of the Legislative Executive Task Force on Corrections, 1970
- Board of Governors of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, 1970-1973; Chairman, 1973
- Chair, State Board of Law Examiners
- Chair, Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission, 1968-1969
- Lamda Chi Alpha Fraternity
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- American Legion
- Elks

Publications

- Horace Stern from a Law Clerk's Point of View. 32 The Shingle 97 (1969)

Sources

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