

**Justice Thomas S. Bell**

1800-1861

**Term**

November 18, 1846-December 1, 1851

**Professional Experience**

- Admitted to the Philadelphia bar, April 14, 1821
- Attorney, West Chester, Chester County, 1821
- Deputy Attorney General, Chester County, December 1823-August 1828
- Visitor, West Point Military Academy, 1829
- Member, Pennsylvania Senate, 1837-1838, 1839, 1857, 1859
- Governor David Porter appointed Bell, President Judge, Fifteenth Judicial District, May 16, 1839-November 18, 1846
- Governor Francis Shunk appointed Bell, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, November 18, 1846
- Bell lost his seat in the first judicial election in 1851
- Governor James Pollock appointed Bell, President Judge of the Twenty-Second Judicial District, March-December 1855

**Sources**

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