

## **Chief Justice William I. Schaffer**

### **Term**

December 14, 1920-1943; Chief Justice, January 2, 1940-January 4, 1943

### **Education**

Studied law with Judge William B. Broomhall, Chester County

### **Professional Experience**

- Admitted to the Delaware County Bar, February 13, 1888; Pennsylvania Supreme Court, 1889
- Private Practice, 1888-1894
- District Attorney, Delaware County, January 1, 1894-January 1, 1900
- State Reporter, 1901-1919
- Attorney General, Pennsylvania, January 21, 1919-January 1921
- Governor William Sproul nominated Schaffer, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, December 14, 1920; elected in November 1921
- Private Practice, 1943-1953



### **Honors and Awards**

- Honorary LL.D. degree: Pennsylvania Military College, 1920; Lafayette College, 1922; University of Pennsylvania, 1939

### **Memberships and Associations**

- President, Pennsylvania Bar Association, 1918
- Director, Delaware County National Bank
- Director, Seaboard Steel Casting Company
- Director, General Refractories Company
- Director, Baldwin Locomotive Works
- Director, Delaware County Trust Company
- Director, West End Trust Company of Philadelphia
- Union League
- Chairman, Commission on Constitutional Amendment and Revision, 1919-1921
- Chairman, Delaware County Republican Committee
- Delegate-at-large, Republican National Convention, 1920
- Rittenhouse Club of Philadelphia
- Philadelphia Club

### **Publications**

- Pennsylvania State Reports, Volumes 195-264 (1900-1919)
- With Edward P. Allinson. Pennsylvania Superior Court Reports. Volumes 13-15 (1900-1901)
- With Albert Weimer. Pennsylvania Superior Court Reports. Volumes 16-70 (1901-1919)
- Making Democracy Safe for the United States. Report of the Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association 3 (1919)
- Pennsylvania. Commission on Constitutional Amendment and Revision. Preliminary Draft of Constitution (1920)
- Pennsylvania. Commission on Constitutional Amendment and Revision. Report of the Commission to the General Assembly. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Commission on Constitutional Amendment and Revision (1920)
- Pennsylvania. Commission on Constitutional Amendment and Revision. Report of the Commission to the General Assembly, December 15, 1920 (1921)
- Pennsylvania. Commission on Constitutional Amendment and Revision. Journal of Proceedings ... [And Appendix ...] (3 vols. 1920-1921)
- A Proposed Change in Government; Address (1922)

- Daniel Webster—The Lawyer. Report of the Thirty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. 311 (1932)

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