

## **Justice Horace Stern**

1878-1969

### **Term**

January 1936-December 29, 1956; Chief Justice, November 10, 1952-December 29, 1956

### **Education**

- University of Pennsylvania, B.S., 1899
- University of Pennsylvania Law School, LL.B., Summa Cum Laude, 1902

### **Professional Experience**

- Admitted to the Philadelphia bar, 1902
- Stern & Wolf, 1903-1920
- Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania Law School, 1902-1917
- Major, Ordnance Department, U.S. Army 1918-1919
- Governor William Sproul appointed Stern, Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, 1920-January 1922
- Elected Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, November 1922, re-elected November 1932
- Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, 1920-January 1936
- Elected Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, November 1935

### **Honor and Awards**

- First Jewish Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- LL.D. degree: University of Pennsylvania, 1933, Hahnemann Medical College, 1937; Dropsie College Hebrew and Cognate Languages, 1948; Jewish Theology Seminary of America, 1956; Pennsylvania Military College, 1955; Villanova University, 1954; Lafayette College, 1955; Villanova University, 1956

### **Memberships and Associations**

- American, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Bar Associations
- American Law Institute
- American Academy of Political and Social Science
- Historical Society of Pennsylvania
- Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia
- Pennsylvania Society
- American Jewish History Society
- University of Pennsylvania
- Vice President, Jewish Publications Society of America
- Director, Federal Jewish Charities of Philadelphia
- American Legion
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Beta Gamma Sigma
- Order of the Coif
- Mason Clubs: Lawyers; Midday; Philobiblon
- Trustee, Dropsie College

### **Publications**

- The Limitations of the Power of a State under a Reserved Right to Amend or Repeal Charters of Incorporation. 53 U. Pa. L. Rev. 1 (1905)
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- Oscar B. Teller. 1 no. 28 Pub. Am. Jewish Hist. Soc. 310 (1922)
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- The Journey of Jules Mastbaum: An Appreciation (1926)
- A New Legal Problem in the Relations of Capital and Labor. 74 U. Pa. L. Rev. 523 (1926)
- Louis Marshall: An Appreciation (1930)
- The Moral Problems of a Practicing Lawyer (193- )
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- Negligence as a Basis of Liability in Automobile Accidents. 0, 14 Pa. B. Assn. Q. 6 (December 1932)
- The Synagogue and Jewish Communal Activities. 35 The Am. Jewish Yr. Book 157 (1933)
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- Book Review. 51 Harv. L. Rev. 178 (1937) (Reviewing The Trial Judge)
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- Address of Justice Horace Stern Delivered at the Dinner Commemorating the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Congregation Mikveh Israel in the City of Philadelphia, December 1, 1940 (1940)
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- Centennial Address (1947)
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- The Spiritual Values of Life; Occasional Addresses on Jewish Themes (1953)
- Legal Procedure Past and Future. 25 Pa. B. Assn. Q. 6 (1953-54)
- Morris Wolf. 17 The Shingle 125 (June 1954)
- The First Jewish Settlers in America: Their Struggle for Religious Freedom, 45 The Jewish Q. Rev. 289 (1955)
- Our New Chief Justice. 19 The Shingle 191 (1956)
- Serenity and Anxiety: An Address (1956)
- A Law Revision Commission for Pennsylvania. 29 Pa. B. Assn. Q. 180 (1957-58)
- Arlin M. Adams. 23 The Shingle 79 (1960)
- Moral Aspects of Divorce. 36 Bull. N.Y. Academy of Med. 611 (1960)

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