

In the  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania  
Eastern District

PROCEEDINGS ON THE OCCASION OF  
THE INDUCTION OF  
HONORABLE JOHN C. ARNOLD  
AS JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT  
OF PENNSYLVANIA

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The proceedings on the opening of the Supreme Court on Monday, January 5, 1953 were as follows:

Chief Justice STERN recognized Dan P. Arnold, Esq., of Clearfield County, who addressed the Court as follows:

“May it please the Court: With much pride, and with great affection, may I present my father, the HONORABLE JOHN C. ARNOLD. In September of 1910, he commenced the practice of law in Clearfield County. From that time, until 1945, he was actively engaged in an extensive practice throughout the State. During the years, this practice took him into every field, and every branch of the law. It included two terms as District Attorney, and brought him statewide recognition as an able and astute trial lawyer. This recognition was made formal when, in 1942, he was elected president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. In 1945 he was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Superior Court and in the fall of that year he was elected to a full term. For the past seven years he has served in that capacity with distinction, with wisdom and with

humanity, and to that Court he has at all times been a great credit.

This past November 4th, he was elected as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

All of this, however, is merely biographical and does in no way depict the man, the man who is known and loved by his many friends and intimates. First, last and always, he is a gentleman, sympathetic and understanding; never too busy to listen, help, counsel and advise. Never in his practice, were his able services denied to anyone for lack of money. His professional life was a mirror of his personal life, selfless devotion to others.

I feel that the people of this great State are fortunate in having his services as a Justice on this Court. In him their trust will never be misplaced. Never has his judgment—nor have his decisions—been influenced by personal bias, prejudice, hope of reward or fear of chastisement.

While feeling as I do that we are fortunate in having him serve on the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, I am not unmindful of the high honor being accorded to him. It is the highest honor that can be extended to a lawyer in Pennsylvania. Knowing full well his innate humility, I can only say—it couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

I would like to respectfully request the Court to direct Dad's Commission to be read and the oath administered."

The Chief Justice thanked Mr. Arnold for his remarks and noted the unusual and pleasant circumstance of a son presenting his father to the Supreme Court to be sworn in as a member of the Court.

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The Chief Justice then directed the Prothonotary, Hon. Charles A. Waters, to read the Commission of HON. JOHN C. ARNOLD as Justice of the Supreme Court. After the Commission was read, the Chief Justice administered the constitutional oath of office to Justice ARNOLD, who was then greeted by the Chief Justice and Justices and welcomed to the bench.