



Frederick V. Follmer

Born: December 13, 1885, in Milton, Pennsylvania

Died: May 3, 1971, in Milton, Pennsylvania

Federal Judicial Service:

Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Nominated by Harry S. Truman on July 31, 1946, to a new seat authorized by 60 Stat. 654.

Confirmed by the Senate on July 31, 1946, and received commission on August 7, 1946.

Service terminated on June 1, 1955, due to reassignment.

Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Nominated by Harry S. Truman on July 31, 1946, to a new seat authorized by 60 Stat. 654.

Confirmed by the Senate on July 31, 1946, and received commission on August 7, 1946.

Service terminated on June 1, 1955, due to reassignment.

Judge, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Nominated by Harry S. Truman on July 31, 1946, to a new seat authorized by 60 Stat. 654.

Confirmed by the Senate on July 31, 1946, and received commission on August 7, 1946.

Served as chief judge, 1962. Assumed senior status on December 30, 1967.

Service terminated on May 3, 1971, due to death.

Education:

Bucknell University, A.B., 1906

Harvard Law School, LL.B., 1909

Professional Career:

Private Practice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 1910-1935

Assistant District Attorney, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania: 1911-1914

U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania: 1935-1946

Miscellaneous Information:

The act of July 24, 1946, 60 Stat. 654, authorized one judgeship to serve the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Pennsylvania.

The act of February 10, 1954, 68 Stat. 8, assigned this judgeship to the Middle District of Pennsylvania exclusively.

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Judicial Biography

*In April 1945, just as World War II was nearing an end, President Roosevelt died, and Vice-President Harry S. Truman succeeded him. During his time in office, Truman named three judges to this Court plus an additional judge who was initially designated to sit in the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Pennsylvania.

President Truman first selected Frederick Voris Follmer, the eleven-year United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania to the newly created “floating” judgeship encompassing all three districts within the borders of the Commonwealth. A native of Northumberland County, he was graduated from Bucknell University and Harvard Law School. In 1955, he opted to sit exclusively in the Middle District where he later served as Chief Judge from 1962 to 1967.

Judge Follmer assumed senior status on December 30, 1967 in the Middle District. His service there terminated on May 3, 1972 to due his death in Milton, Pennsylvania, at the age of 85.

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