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JOHN JOHNSTON PARKER

(1885 - 1958)

A.B., University of North Carolina _____	1907
LL.B., University of North Carolina _____	1908
LL.D., University of North Carolina _____	1927
LL.D., Davidson College _____	1940
LL.D., University of Michigan _____	1942
Appointed Judge of the Fourth Circuit, United States Court of Appeals _____	1925
Chief Judge of the Fourth Circuit, United States Court of Appeals _____	1931
American Bar Association Medal for Conspicuous Service _____	1943
Alternate Member, International Military Tribunal _____	1945
Judicial Adviser to the United States High Commissioner in Occupied Germany _____	1949

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Tributes from the Bench and Bar

“Chief Judge John J. Parker, of the Federal Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, was more than a great and good judge; his long and distinguished service made him an institution. He was of nation-wide renown for his outstanding ability, courage and energy. He richly deserved the appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States which he received years ago, but the shortsighted failure of the Senate to confirm the nomination left him to be a blessing to the Fourth Circuit. I join in the universal sorrow at his passing.”

TAYLOR H. STUKES
Chief Justice
The Supreme Court of South Carolina.

“Judge Parker was a great Judge and a great American. To the bench and bar he was an institution.

He was a lovable character, a good man, a brilliant man, a kind man and a Christian gentleman. He had a keen sense of humor and liked to tell, as well as hear, interesting stories.

He will be greatly missed by the bench and bar.

He was largely responsible for organizing the Judicial Conferences and took great pride in their work and accomplishments.

He always wanted to see that substantial justice was done in all cases that came before him.”

C. C. WYCHE
District Judge
United States District Court
Western District of South Carolina.

“Judge John J. Parker’s death on March 17 came as a distinct shock to the bench and bar. Judge Parker’s masterful intellect, his industry and his eminent scholastic attainments, both academic and legal, gained for him a place of high distinction among the jurists of the nation. We, his contemporaries, mourn his loss and we shall miss him.”

GEORGE BELL TIMMERMAN
District Judge
United States District Court
Eastern and Western Districts
of South Carolina.

“He was not only a great jurist, but a great man in every respect. He was honest and fair in all his dealings and decisions.

I am quite sure that our country would be far better had he been made a Supreme Court judge.”

ASHTON H. WILLIAMS
District Judge
United States District Court
Eastern District of South Carolina.

“Judge Parker’s erect and impressive physical stature was but a symbol of his truly great nature and intellect. As he stood above men in frame of body, so did he rise above them in emotional and mental eminence. In the words of Shakespeare, ‘He was a scholar, and a ripe and good one; exceeding wise, fair-spoken, and persuading.’

The Judiciary, not only of the Fourth Circuit, but of our entire land, has lost a tower of strength in his death.”

J. DAVIS KERR
President
South Carolina Bar Association.

“Judge Parker at all times exemplified to the legal practitioner a profound knowledge of the law together with an understanding of the facts, and his decisions were conscientiously rendered with full dignity of the Court.”

FRANK H. BAILEY
First Vice-President
South Carolina Bar Association.

“The cause of improving the administration of justice in the United States suffered a great loss in Judge Parker’s passing. For years he has been in the forefront of our profession in many worthwhile causes but I think perhaps his greatest contribution has been to the administration of justice.”

THOMAS H. POPE
Chairman
Executive Committee
South Carolina Bar Association.

“While still in full possession of his magnificent mental powers Judge Parker was fatally stricken this year. For thirty-three years he sat as a member and as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, bringing to the taxing responsibilities of that position a fine legal mind, excellent judicial temperament and unexcelled administrative talents. In addition to his work on the Bench, Judge Parker had time to make great contributions in the fields of administrative law, in civil and criminal procedures. He was the father of the Judicial Conference where judges and lawyers have pooled their abilities in the interest of improved justice.

Most students now agree that the failure of the Senate thirty years ago to confirm his appointment to the Supreme Court was a great tragedy to the cause of constitutional government.”

DAVID W. ROBINSON
Retiring President
South Carolina Bar Association.

“In the death of Judge John Johnston Parker, America has lost a great jurist and statesman. The Law School of the University of South Carolina has lost a staunch friend and supporter. He complied with our every request, even when to do so, in some instances, was an inconvenience to himself and really often a hardship.”

SAMUEL L. PRINCE
Dean of the School of Law
University of South Carolina.