

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICES OF THE
UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

	<u>Federal</u>			<u>State</u>		
	<u>Leg.</u>	<u>Exec.</u>	<u>Jud.</u>	<u>Leg.</u>	<u>Exec.</u>	<u>Jud.</u>
John Jay	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
John Rutledge	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oliver Ellsworth	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
John Marshall	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Roger Brooke Taney	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Salmon Portland Chase	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Morrison Remick Waite	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Melville Weston Fuller	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
Edward Douglass White	Yes	No	Yes -	Yes	No	Yes
William Howard Taft	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Charles Evans Hughes	No	Yes	Yes -	No	Yes	No
Harlan Fiske Stone	No	Yes	Yes -	No	No	No

Federal Experience

No Chief Justice had experience in all three branches of the Federal Government.
 Eight Chief Justices had experience in two branches of the Federal Government.
 Three Chief Justices had experience in one branch of the Federal Government.
 One Chief Justice had no Federal Government experience.

State Experience

Three Chief Justices had experience in all three branches of State Government.
 Four Chief Justices had experience in two branches of State Government.
 Four Chief Justices had experience in one branch of State Government.
 One Chief Justice had no State Government experience.

Full

CHIEF JUSTICES OF THE UNITED STATES . . . EXPERIENCE
IN LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES
PRIOR TO BECOMING CHIEF JUSTICE

JOHN JAY of New York

Federal

Legislative:

Member of the Continental Congress, 1774-1775, 1778
(President of Continental Congress), 1784.

Executive:

Minister to Spain, 1779-1781.
Commissioner to negotiate peace with Great Britain,
1781-1783.
Secretary of Foreign Affairs, 1784-1789.
Joint commissioner for negotiating peace with Great
Britain.

Judicial:

None

State

Legislative:

Member of Provincial Congress of New York, 1776-1777.

Executive:

Secretary of Commission to settle boundary dispute
between New York and New Jersey.

Judicial:

Chief Justice of State of New York, 1777-1779.

JOHN RUTLEDGE of South Carolina

Federal

Legislative:

Delegate to Stamp Act Congress, 1765.
Member of the Continental Congress, 1774-1776,
1782-1783.
Member of the Constitutional Convention, 1787.

Executive:

None

Judicial:

Associate Justice United States Supreme Court,
1789-1791.

State

Legislative:

Member of the Provincial Assembly of South Carolina,
1761.
Member of state ratifying convention, 1788.

Executive:

Attorney General (Pro tempore) of South Carolina,
1764-1765.
President (Governor) of South Carolina, 1776-1778,
1778-1782.

Judicial:

Chief Justice of Supreme Court of South Carolina,
1791-1795.

OLIVER ELLSWORTH of Connecticut

Federal

Legislative:

Delegate to the Continental Congress, 1778-1783.
Delegate to the Constitutional Convention, 1787.
United States Senator, 1789-1796.

Executive:

None

Judicial:

None

State

Legislative:

Member of the Connecticut Assembly, 1775 and 1779.

Executive:

State's attorney for Hartford County, Connecticut,
1777-1785.
Member of the Governor's Council of Connecticut,
1780-1785.

Judicial:

Judge of the Connecticut Superior Court, 1785-1789.

JOHN MARSHALL of Virginia

Federal

Legislative:

Member of the House of Representatives of the
United States, 1799.

Executive:

Member of the XYZ Commission to France, 1797-1798.
Secretary of State, 1800-1801.

Judicial:

None

State

Legislative:

Delegate to the Virginia Assembly, 1782-1791 and
1795-1797.

Executive:

City Recorder, Fauquier County, Virginia, 1785.
Member of the Executive Council, 1782-1784.

Judicial:

None

ROGER BROOKE TANEY of Maryland

Federal

Legislative:

None

Executive:

Attorney General of the United States, 1831-1833.
Acting Secretary of War, 1831.
Secretary of Treasury, 1833-1834.

Judicial:

None

State

Legislative:

Member of House of Delegates of Maryland for one year.
Member of the Maryland Senate, 1816-1821.

Executive:

Attorney General of Maryland, 1827-1831.

Judicial:

None

SALMON PORTLAND CHASE of Ohio

Federal

Legislative:

Member of the United States Senate, 1849-1855, 1860.

Executive:

Secretary of the Treasury, 1861-1864.

Judicial:

None

State

Legislative:

None

Executive:

Governor of Ohio, 1855-1859.

Judicial:

None

MORRISON REMICK WAITE of Ohio

Federal

Legislative:

None

Executive:

Representative of the United States at the Geneva
Arbitration, 1871.

Judicial:

None

State

Legislative:

Member of the Ohio General Assembly, 1849.
President, Ohio Constitutional convention of 1873.

Executive:

None

Judicial:

None

MELVILLE WESTON FULLER of Illinois

Federal

Legislative:

None

Executive:

None

Judicial:

None

State

Legislative:

President of Common Council of Augusta, Maine.
Member of Illinois Constitutional Convention, 1862.
Member of the Illinois House of Representatives,
1863-1864.

Executive:

None

Judicial:

None

EDWARD DOUGLASS WHITE of Louisiana

Federal

Legislative:

United States Senator from Louisiana, 1891-1894.

Executive:

None

Judicial:

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, 1894-1910.

State:

Legislative:

Member of Louisiana State Senate, 1874.

Executive:

None

Judicial:

Associate Justice of Louisiana Supreme Court,
1879-1880.

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT of Ohio

Federal

Legislative:

None

Executive:

U.S. Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Ohio, 1882.
Solicitor General of the United States, 1890.
Governor of the Philippines (President of the Philippine Commission) 1900-1904.
Secretary of War, 1904-1908.
President of the United States, 1909-1913.
Co-chairman of War Labor Conference Board for arbitrating labor disputes, 1918-1919.

Judicial:

United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, 1892-1900.

State

Legislative:

None

Executive:

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Hamilton County, Ohio, 1881-1882.
Assistant Solicitor of Hamilton County, 1885-1887.

Judicial:

Judge of the Superior Court of Ohio, 1887-1890.

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES of New York

Federal

Legislative:

None

Executive:

Special Assistant to United States Attorney (Coal Investigation) 1906.
Secretary of State, 1921-1925.
Chairman, U.S. Delegation to Sixth Pan American Conference, Havana, Cuba, 1928.
U.S. Delegate, Pan American Conference on Arbitration and Conciliation, 1928-1929.
Chairman for U.S. International Conference on Limitation of Armaments, Washington, D. C., 1921.
Special ambassador to Brazilian Centenary Celebration, Rio de Janeiro, 1922.

Judicial:

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, 1910-1916.
Member of Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, 1926-1930.
Judge of the Permanent Court of International Justice, 1928-1930.

State

Legislative:

None

Executive:

Counsel, Stevens Gas Commission (New York Legislature), 1905.
Counsel, Armstrong Insurance Commission (New York Legislature), 1905-1906.
Governor of New York (2 terms) 1907-1908; 1909-1910.
Chairman, New York City Reorganization Committee, 1926.

Judicial:

None

HARLAN FISKE STONE of New Hampshire

Federal

Legislative:

None

Executive:

Attorney General of the United States, 1924-1925.

Judicial:

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, 1925-1941.

State

Legislative:

None

Executive:

None

Judicial:

None