

PERCY R. KELLY

Justice Percy R. Kelly was born in Arlington, Iowa, July 13, 1870, the son of C. C. and Mary Jane (Whipple) Kelly. He was educated in the public schools of Iowa, California and Oregon. He received a BS degree at Albany College in 1887. Justice Kelley read law in the office of the late Charles E. Wolverton (former Chief Justice, Oregon Supreme Court). Justice Kelley was admitted to the State Bar 1892.

Justice Kelly practiced law in Albany, Oregon until 1911. He served as a State Senator from Linn County 1898; deputy District Attorney 1899-1903; Albany City Attorney 1909; Circuit Judge, for the Third Judicial District of Oregon 1911-1930. Justice Kelley was appointed to the Oregon Supreme Court September 24, 1930 to succeed Justice Thomas A. McBride. He was elected in 1930, 1936, 1942, 1948 and died in office June 14, 1949. He served as Chief Justice in 1941 and 1943.

Justice Kelly was a member of the Elks Club, Pythian; Masons (past Grand Master); and he was a Shriner.

Justice Kelly married Margaret Dawson Gillette of Portland, Oregon March 29, 1910.