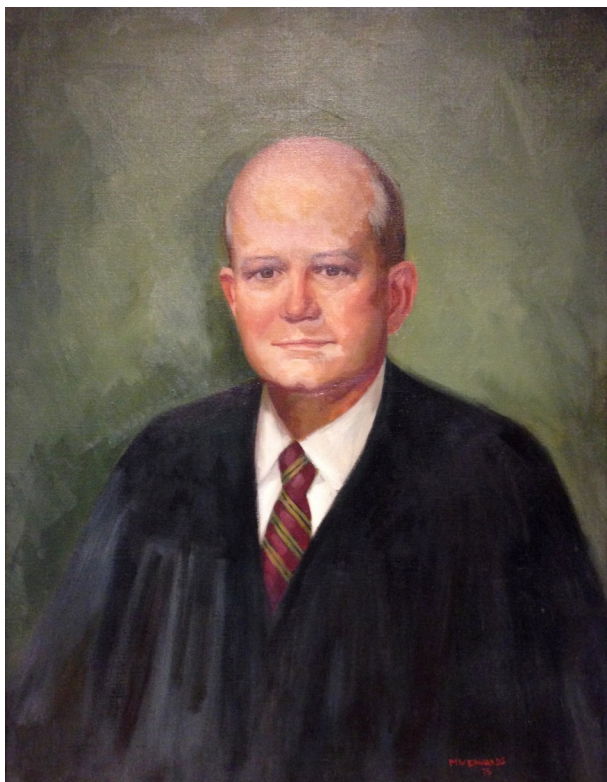


## **JOHN LANCASTER GOODWYN**

Associate Justice: 1951-1968

BORN: October 13, 1903; Montgomery, Alabama

DIED: April 22, 1968; Montgomery, Alabama



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A native of Montgomery, Alabama, son of Robert Tyler Goodwyn and Jessie Lancaster Goodwyn. John Lancaster Goodwyn earned a bachelor's degree in 1925 and a law degree the following year from the University of Alabama. He practiced law in Montgomery until 1940, when he joined the Army and served in the 31st Infantry in the Pacific during World War II. Upon his return, he was elected mayor of the city of Montgomery and served in that capacity from June 1946 until January 1951.

Goodwyn was legal advisor to Governor Gordon Persons from January to October 1951. Persons appointed him to the Supreme Court of Alabama to fill the position vacated by J. Ed. Livingston when he was appointed Chief Justice in October 1951. He was elected in 1952 and reelected in 1958 and 1964. He was serving on the bench when he died after a short illness.

Goodwyn married Elizabeth Hudson Hill in April 1931. They had two children: Warren Hudson and Elizabeth Lancaster.

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