

Justice Clarence Thomas

Clarence Thomas is an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. He was born in the Pin Point community of Georgia, near Savannah, on June 23, 1948. He attended Conception Seminary and received an A.B., *cum laude*, from Holy Cross College, and a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1974.

Justice Thomas was admitted to law practice in Missouri in 1974, and served as an Assistant Attorney General of Missouri from 1974-77. Following that, he was an attorney with the Monsanto Company from 1977-1979 and Legislative Assistant to Senator John Danforth from 1979-81.

From 1981-82, Justice Thomas served as Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Education. From 1982-90, he was Chairman of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

In 1990, Justice Thomas became a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. President George H.W. Bush nominated him as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and he took his seat October 23, 1991.

He is the author of *The New York Times* bestseller *My Grandfather's Son: A Memoir*.