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Philip Telford Georges was the second Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Zimbabwe. He served as Chief Justice from March 1983 until February 1983. He was succeeded Chief Justice [Enoch Dumbutshena](#).^[1]

Telford Georges

Appointed by

Succeeded by

Personal details

Born

Died

President [Robert Mugabe](#)

[Enoch Dumbutshena](#)

Philip Telford Georges

(1923-01-05)January 5, 1923

January 13, 2005(2005-01-13) (aged 82)

Background

Philip Telford Georges was born in Roseau, Dominica on the 5th of January 1923, the son of Milutine Cox and John Henry Duport Georges.^[2]

Education

Georges attended Roseau Boys School. His father was the headmaster there. At age 9, he won a scholarship to the Dominica Grammar School. At the Grammar School, the young Telford developed a passion for English and History.^[2]

In 1940 Telford won the Dominica Island Scholarship in 1940. He proceeded to McGill University, Canada in 1942 to read English and History. ZHowever, after a year he switched to law at the University of Toronto. He was President of the Law Society and an active member of the Historical society, as well as Speaker of his college mock Parliament.^[2]

Georges graduated with a First Class Honors degree and at the top of his class. He was awarded the Gold Medal and an inscription on a plaque at the University for this achievement.^[2]

Legal Career

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After graduation Georges was called to the Trinidad bar. As a public defender. In 1962, he was invited to be a judge on the Trinidad Bench at the relatively young age of 39. Justice Georges served with distinction in various capacities in the Caribbean, Africa and Latin America.^[2]

He served as the Chief Justice of Tanzania, Zimbabwe and the Bahamas as well as professor of Law at the University of the West Indies.^[2]

He was a member of Her Majesty's Privy Council, member of the Courts of Appeal of Belize, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Grenada and the Seychelles. He was also a member of the International Commission of Jurists, President of the Administrative Tribunal of the Inter-American Development Bank, and member of the Juridical Committee of the OAS. He was a member of the Commonwealth Team of Distinguished Observers at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa.^[2]

Nearer his home, Justice Georges was a member of the Judicial and Legal Services Commission of the OECS, Vice Chairman of the Constitution Reform Commission of Trinidad and Tobago, Chairman of the Regional Constituent Assembly of the Windward Islands and Chairman of the Constitution Reform Commission of Dominica.^[2]

Chief Justice of Supreme Court of Zimbabwe

In February 1983 he was appointed Chief Justice of [Supreme Court of Zimbabwe](#). He served in this capacity until February 1984.^[1]

Death

Justice Georges died on the 13th of January 2005. He was 82.^[2]

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