

HONORABLE OTTO KERNER

BIOGRAPHICAL OUTLINE

Native Chicagoan

August 15, 1908

Son of a struggling young Bohemian lawyer later  
appointed to this Court

Public Schools in Chicago

Oak Park High School

Brown University AB 1930

1930-31 Studied at Trinity College, Cambridge University, England

Northwestern University Law School, J.D. 1934

May to Dec., 1934 - Associate in law firm of Cooke, Sullivan & Ricks

Jan. 1935, with eight months experience, organized firm of  
Kerner, Jaros & Tittle

In 1934 he had entered the Illinois National Guard as a private

In March 1941 - he was called to active duty as Captain Kerner

Service with the infantry in the Mediterranean Theater and  
the Pacific Theater

Released from active duty in 1946 as Lt. Col. Kerner

Retired from the Illinois National Guard in 1954 as  
Major General Kerner

1947 - President Truman appointed him United States Attorney  
for Northern District of Illinois

1954 - he resigned and was elected County Judge of Cook County.

Reelected in 1958

1960 - elected Governor of Illinois. Reelected in 1964,  
only the second Democratic governor reelected in  
100 years

1967 - President Johnson appointed the National Commission on  
Civil Disorders with Gov. Kerner as Chairman. The  
report of that commission, issued March 1, 1968,  
is known as the Kerner report

May, 1968, he resigned as governor and took the oath of  
office as a judge of this Court

Honorary degrees from eleven universities and colleges

Active in charitable organizations -

United Fund

Cancer Society

Red Cross

Others

Officer in Council of Boy Scouts

Bar Associations

Fraternities

Social Clubs

Trustee Brown University