

## **Albert Alphonsus Ridge (1898–1967)**

### **BIOGRAPHY**

Albert Alphonsus Ridge was a United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri and later a United States Circuit Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Born in Nevada, Missouri, Ridge served in the U.S. Army from 1917 to 1919, then worked as a deputy clerk of Jackson County, Missouri, from 1919 to 1921. He was admitted to the bar in 1923 and engaged in private practice in Missouri from 1925 to 1934.

He began his judicial career as a judge of the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri from 1935 to 1945. In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed Ridge to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, where he later served as Chief Judge from 1959 to 1961.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy nominated Ridge to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. He was confirmed on June 14, 1961, and served until April 16, 1965, when he assumed senior status. Ridge remained in senior service until his death on March 2, 1967.