

Justice John Rutledge

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Rutledge is not holding a volume of the *U.S. Reports* because as an Associate Justice he participated in the adjudication of zero cases decided by the Court. After missing the Court's first three sittings in 1790 and 1791, he resigned in February 1791. (He returned to the Court briefly as Chief Justice in 1795.)

He was the first member of the Supreme Court appointed from South Carolina.

Rutledge is, to the best of our knowledge, the only member of the Court ever to resign in order to accept a position as chief justice of a state court. In his case it was the South Carolina Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions.