

RETIREMENT OF MR. JUSTICE SUTHERLAND.

On January 7, 1938, it was ordered by the Court that the accompanying correspondence between members of the Court and Mr. Justice Sutherland be spread upon the minutes and that it also be printed in the reports of the Court.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

JANUARY 6, 1938.

My dear Justice SUTHERLAND:

Upon your retirement from regular active service on the bench, we wish to give you renewed assurance of our warm affection and of our high appreciation of the distinguished ability and unremitting devotion which have characterized your long participation in the work of the Court. Not only have you brought to our deliberations learning and dialectical skill, a wide knowledge of affairs enriched by varied and eminent public service, and a habit of thoroughness and precision, but you have matched tenacity of purpose with an unvarying kindness and have mellowed our deliberations with unfailing humor. We keenly regret the loss of this companionship which will ever remain a delightful memory. We trust that in your retirement from the constant labor of active service you will find fresh vigor and the abiding satisfaction which comes from the consciousness of arduous duties performed with complete fidelity.

Faithfully yours,

CHARLES E. HUGHES.
J. C. McREYNOLDS.
LOUIS D. BRANDEIS.
PIERCE BUTLER.
HARLAN F. STONE.
OWEN J. ROBERTS.
BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO.
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My dear BRETHREN:

I have read your letter, and make my reply to it with mingled emotions of gratitude for the more than generous things you say, and sorrow that these amenities end the completeness of that close and affectionate comradeship which reaches back so many years. It is very hard for me to step out of this circle, where I have taken comfort for so long. I leave the Court with keen regret. I have loved the work in which we have been engaged together; and only a definite conviction that the time has come reconciles me to the unwelcome thought of laying it down. The memory of our association will remain; but this, although very dear, will not compensate me for the loss of the reality. May health and happiness attend you all throughout the coming years.

Very sincerely yours,

GEO. SUTHERLAND.

The CHIEF JUSTICE.

Mr. Justice McREYNOLDS.

Mr. Justice BRANDEIS.

Mr. Justice BUTLER.

Mr. Justice STONE.

Mr. Justice ROBERTS.

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