

*Attorney-General*: ISIDOR RAYNER, (Democrat,) of Baltimore City.

Mr. Isidor Rayner was born in Baltimore fifty years ago. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 1870, and then studied law. Soon after his admission to the bar he attracted public attention by his ability as a lawyer and an advocate. In 1878 he was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates. In 1886 he was elected to the State Senate. In that body his course was so brilliant that in 1888 he was nominated for and elected to Congress from the Fourth District. His record there was a splendid one, and he was returned in 1890 and 1892. He was, while in Congress, a member of Committees on Foreign Relations and on Coinage and Currency, and took a most prominent position before the country in the important debates upon the floor. Mr. Rayner is known to the general masses of the people by his powers as a public speaker, always commanding attention, whether in court or on the hustings. He has taken a leading part for his party in the State and the country in all political discussions of the times.

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*Clerk of the Court of Appeals*: J. FRANK FORD, (Democrat,) of St. Mary's County.

Mr. Ford was born at Leonardtown, St. Mary's county, on the 8th day of January, 1846. His father was Robert Ford, of that county, who was Associate Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Maryland from 1867 to 1882; and his mother was Ellen Baltzell, daughter of Dr. John Baltzell, of Frederick, Maryland. He was educated at the public schools of St. Mary's county, and Calvert College, New Windsor, Carroll county, Maryland. After leaving college, Mr. Ford taught the public school at Leonardtown for several years, and read law, but never applied for admission to the bar. In January, 1872, he was appointed Secretary, Treasurer and Examiner of Public Schools in his native county, which position he retained until December, 1873, when he became Clerk of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, to which office he had been elected at the preceding election in November of that year. He was re-elected clerk in 1879, and again in 1885. In 1891 he was nominated by the Democratic Party of the State for the office of Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, and elected at the election that year. In 1897 he was again nominated by the Democratic State Convention for the position of Clerk of the Court of Appeals, but was defeated at the election which followed that year, by the Hon. Allan Rutherford. Upon the death of Mr. Rutherford,