



Hill, 1923 (Credit: Los Angeles Times Photographic Archive, UCLA Library Special Collections  
Permission granted pursuant to Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License,  
<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/legalcode.en>)

## A.J. HILL

6/2/1913 – 7/1/1923

Alferd Julius Hill was appointed as the first County Counsel in 1912, after the Office of the County Counsel was established through the adoption of the County Charter in 1911. Prior to adoption of the charter, advising the board was a function previously performed by the District Attorney.<sup>1</sup> However, after the charter, the office was established with Mr. Hill as the sole attorney.<sup>2</sup>

Mr. Hill was born in 1882 in Memphis, Missouri. He graduated from the University of Southern California (USC) Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1909. Mr. Hill started his County career with the District Attorney from 1910 to 1913 and held the title of Deputy District Attorney.<sup>3</sup>

During his time as County Counsel, Mr. Hill expanded the scope of the office, which had grown to 12 attorneys by the time Mr. Hill left County service in 1923. While at County Counsel, he also served as faculty at the USC Law School from 1914 to 1922. After leaving the County, Mr. Hill entered private practice and was senior partner and the namesake of Hill, Farrer & Burrill, LLP.<sup>4</sup> Mr. Hill died on January 30, 1953.<sup>5</sup>

*Researched and compiled by Karen Sanchez, Law Librarian*

---

<sup>1</sup> Sitton, Tom. *The Courthouse Crowd : Los Angeles County and Its Government, 1850-1950*. Los Angeles, California: The Historical Society of Southern California, 2013, page 139.

<sup>2</sup> Sitton, Tom. *The Courthouse Crowd : Los Angeles County and Its Government, 1850-1950*. Los Angeles, California: The Historical Society of Southern California, 2013, pg. 138.

<sup>3</sup> "Alferd J. Hill, Attorney, Dies on Golf Course." *Los Angeles Times (1923-1995)*, Jan 31, 1953.  
<http://ezproxy.lapl.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/alferd-j-hill-attorney-dies-on-golf-course/docview/166439810/se-2>.

<sup>4</sup> "HILL TO QUIT COUNTY POST: COUNSEL WHO ORGANIZED OFFICE DECADE AGO WILL JOIN PRESENT DEPUTY IN PRIVATE LAW BUSINESS HILL TO RESIGN COUNTY OFFICE." *Los Angeles Times (1923-1995)*, Jun 03, 1923.  
<http://ezproxy.lapl.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/hill-quit-county-post/docview/161474231/se-2>.

<sup>5</sup> "Alferd J. Hill, Attorney, Dies on Golf Course." *Los Angeles Times (1923-1995)*, Jan 31, 1953.  
<http://ezproxy.lapl.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/alferd-j-hill-attorney-dies-on-golf-course/docview/166439810/se-2>.