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NAME Chesebro, Ray L.

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July 1, 1933-July 1, 1941

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RAY L. CHESEBRO

Ray L. Chesebro was born in Minnesota, August 28, 1881. As a young man he worked as a telegraph operator and secretary. Came to Los Angeles in 1904. Served as secretary to the first Los Angeles County Good Road's Association; also secretary to the Highway Commission, which Commission had charge of the building of the first paved roads in Los Angeles County. Later he became secretary and manager of the Consolidation Commission and successfully conducted the campaign that annexed Wilmington and San Pedro to the City of Los Angeles.

After his admission to the bar, he entered ~~into~~ private practice until he was appointed to the bench in 1911. He was re-elected to the bench in 1914 and 1918; ~~both times leading the entire ticket.~~ Retired from the bench Dec. 31, 1922 and again entered ~~into~~ private practice of law which he successfully carried on until May 1933, at which time he was elected City Attorney of Los Angeles. Having made an unusually splendid record as City Attorney his friends prevailed upon him to again submit his name for re-election and he was recently re-elected at the primaries over a field of five candidates.

Mr. Chesebro is married and has a son and daughter, both graduates of U. C. L. A. His son is now in his second year of law at U. S. C. It is the Judge's ambition, upon the completion of his term as City Attorney, to again enter into the private practice of law with his son Marvin.



**RAY L.
CHESEBRO**

City Attorney

Born: August
28, 1881, Min-
nesota.

Married: son
and daughter.

Residence in
California since
1904.

Career: As a young man worked as telegraph operator and secretary; in Los Angeles was secretary to the first County Good Roads Association; then secretary to the Highway Commission which built the first paved roads in Los Angeles County; secretary and manager to City and County Consolidation Commission during annexation of Wilmington and San Pedro to the City of Los Angeles; admitted to the bar and practiced law until appointed to the bench in 1911; retired from the bench in 1922 to private practice until 1933, when elected City Attorney. Re-elected City Attorney April, 1937.