



RŪDOLFS JĀNIS ALKSNIS

(Born in 1888, Ēvele parish; died in 1961, the USA)

**Senator of the Criminal Cassation Department (1931),
Administrative Department (1932; 1937–1940) and Civil Cassation department of the Senate (1933–1936)**

Education: *Moscow University, Faculty of Law.*

Before the Senate: *Trainee in the judicial system; Assistant Secretary and Secretary in Russia; Deputy-Prosecutor of the Regional Court in Jelgava; Judge of the Riga Regional Court and of the Court Chamber.*

After the Senate: *worked in the Directorate-General for Justice during the German occupation. In exile since 1944. Legal Adviser to the International Refugee Organization.*

Additional information: *Participated in the development of the Latvian Civil Law. Member of the Latvian National Department of the Baltic Law Office; Legal Adviser at the Ministry of Justice; One of the founders of the American Latvian Association.*

“ People have realized that there may be different opinions regarding different issues, and one’s opinions should not be forced on others. And it is high time we recognize that in a democracy, a minority must respect the majority.”

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