



BREAKING BOUNDARIES

TRAILBLAZING

WOMEN OF THE SECOND CIRCUIT

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When trailblazer Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was in law school in the 1950s, women were less than 3% of lawyers in the country. Today, she observed, they occupy more than 50% of law school classes. But women represent only 33% of active federal judges. We can hope that their numbers will rise to reflect the important contributions they make to the legal profession.

This year, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, securing women's right to vote, the Second Circuit was poised to devote its judicial conference to the subject of women in the law, under the dynamic leadership of Judge Victor Bolden of the District of Connecticut. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference was canceled. But much good work was done in preparation for that conference by our planning committee and our Library team. Among the fruits of their labor is compendium of short biographies of the women judges of the courts of the Second Circuit. How fortunate all of us are to have the services of such distinguished jurists. Our Circuit's civic education project, *Justice For All: Courts and the Community*, will continue to devote attention to the role and contributions of our women judges to our nation.

Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann
July 2020

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CIRCUIT JUSTICE for the SECOND CIRCUIT

RUTH BADER GINSBURG

Education

Cornell University, B.A., 1954. Columbia Law School, LL.B., 1959.

Professional Career

Research associate; associate director, Columbia Law Project on International Procedure, 1961–1963. Professor, Rutgers Law, 1963–1972. Professor, Columbia Law, 1972–1980. Cofounder, ACLU Women's Rights Project, 1971. General counsel, American Civil Liberties Union, 1973–1980; member, National Board of Directors, 1974–1980.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Jimmy Carter to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, April 14, 1980. Confirmed June 18, 1980. Commissioned June 18, 1980. Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the Supreme Court of the United States, June 22, 1993. Confirmed August 3, 1993. Commissioned August 5, 1993. Circuit Justice for the Second Circuit, September 30, 1994–September 18, 2020. Service terminated September 18, 2020, due to death.

Clerkship

Law Secretary, Hon. Edmund L. Palmieri, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

 **25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE**

RONNIE ABRAMS

Education

Cornell University, B.A., 1990. Yale Law School, J.D., 1993.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1994–1998, 2008–2012. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, 1998–2008; acting chief, General Crimes Unit, 2004–2005; chief, General Crimes Unit, 2005–2007; deputy chief, Criminal Division, 2007–2008. Lecturer-in-law, Columbia University School of Law, 2008–.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, July 28, 2011. Confirmed March 22, 2012. Commissioned March 23, 2012.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Thomas P. Griesa, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

CAROL BAGLEY AMON

Education

College of William and Mary, B.S., 1968. University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1971.

Professional Career

Staff attorney, Communications Satellite Corporation, 1971–1973. Trial attorney, Narcotics Task Force, U.S. Department of Justice, 1973–1974. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York, 1974–1986; chief of frauds, 1978–1980; chief of general crimes, 1981–1982; senior litigation counsel, 1984–1986. Member, Judicial Conference of the United States, 2011–2013.

Federal Judicial Service

Served as Magistrate Judge for the District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 1986–1990. Nominated by President George H.W. Bush to the District Court of the Eastern District of New York, May 18, 1990. Confirmed August 3, 1990. Commissioned August 7, 1990. Served as Chief Judge, 2011–2016. Assumed senior status, November 30, 2016.

First woman chief district court judge in the Eastern District of New York.

 **25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE**

CHIEF JUDGE 2011 - 2016

JANET BOND ARTERTON

Education

Mount Holyoke College, B.A., 1966. Northeastern University School of Law, J.D., 1977.

Professional Career

Private practice, New Haven, Connecticut, 1978–1995.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the District Court of the District of Connecticut, January 23, 1994. Confirmed March 24, 1994. Commissioned March 24, 1994.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Herbert Stern, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

JOAN M. AZRACK

Education

Rutgers University, B.S., 1974. New York Law School, J.D., 1979.

Professional Career

Trial attorney, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 1979–1981. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York, 1982–1990; deputy chief, Narcotics Section, 1985–1986; chief, Business and Securities Fraud Section, 1987–1990; deputy chief, Criminal Division, 1987–1990.

Federal Judicial Service

Served as a Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York, December 13, 1990 to December 15, 2014. Nominated by President Barack Obama to the District Court of the Eastern District of New York, September 18, 2014. Confirmed December 16, 2014. Commissioned December 19, 2014.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

JUDITH M. BARZILAY

Education

Wichita State University, B.A., 1965. Rutgers University, M.L.S., 1971. Rutgers School of Law – Newark, J.D., 1981.

Professional Career

High school teacher, Wichita, Kansas, Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and Hamilton Township, New Jersey, 1965–1967, 1968–1969. Librarian, Selden, New York, Woodbridge, New Jersey, Somerville, New Jersey, and East Brunswick, New Jersey, 1971–1978. Private practice, Wayne, New Jersey, 1982–1983. Trial attorney, International Trade Field Office, U.S. Department of Justice, New York City, 1983–1986. Private practice, New York City, 1986–1988. Sony Electronics, Inc., Park Ridge, New Jersey, 1988–1998; senior attorney, 1988–1989; vice president, import-export operations, 1989–1995; vice president, government affairs, 1996–1998. Member, Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service, 1995–1998.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the Court of International Trade, January 27, 1998. Confirmed March 11, 1998. Commissioned March 11, 1998. Assumed senior status June 2, 2011.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Robert E. Tarleton, Superior Court Judge, New Jersey Superior Court Law Division Vicinage Six.

DEBORAH A. BATTS

Education

Radcliffe College, A.B., 1969. Harvard Law School, J.D., 1972.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1973–1979. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Criminal Division, Southern District of New York, 1979–1984. Associate professor of law, Fordham University School of Law, 1984–1994. Faculty, Corporate Counsel Trial Advocacy Program for the City of New York, 1988–1993 (intermittent). Special associate counsel, Department of Investigation, New York City, 1990–1991.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, January 27, 1994. Confirmed May 6, 1994. Commissioned May 9, 1994. Assumed senior status April 13, 2012. Service terminated February 3, 2020, due to death.

Clerkship

Law Clerk to Hon. Lawrence W. Pierce, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

First openly gay Article III judge.

 **25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE**

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PRUDENCE CARTER BEATTY

Education

University of Michigan, B.A., 1964. University of Michigan, J.D., 1968.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City. Co-author, *The Doctrine of Equitable Subordination as Applied to Non-Management Creditors and From Referee in Bankruptcy to Bankruptcy Judge: A Century of Change in the Second Circuit*. Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy. Member, American Bankruptcy Institute; associate editor, *ABI Journal*.

Federal Judicial Service

Served as a Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York from 1982 to 2010. Also known as Prudence Beatty Abram.

First woman bankruptcy judge in the Southern District of New York.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

LOIS BLOOM

Education

SUNY Stony Brook, B.A., 1981. SUNY Buffalo, J.D., 1985.

Professional Career

Staff attorney, West Side SRO Law Project, New York City, Head, Pro Se Office, Southern District of New York. Adjunct professor, Columbia and New York Law Schools. Member, Pro Bono and Legal Services Committee, Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York, May 18, 2001.

MARGO K. BRODIE

Education

St. Francis College, B.A., 1988. University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D., 1991.

Professional Career

Assistant corporation counsel, Real Estate Litigation Division, New York City, 1991–1994. Private practice, New York City, 1994–1999. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York, 1999–2012; deputy chief, General Crimes, 2006–2007; chief attorney, General Crimes, 2007–2009; counselor, Criminal Division, 2009–2010; deputy chief, Criminal Division, 2010–2012.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, June 7, 2011. Confirmed February 27, 2012. Commissioned February 29, 2012.

COLLEEN A. BROWN

Education

Colgate University, B.A., 1979. University of Buffalo, J.D., 1983.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York state. Estate Administrator, Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of New York. Assistant U.S. Trustee, Western District of New York. In-house counsel, The Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company, Canandaigua, New York. Member, Vermont Bar Association Professionalism Roundtable. Chair, Federal-State Law Council, District of Vermont. Chair, Vermont Rule of Law Conference. Chair, Federal Judges' Committee, National Association of Women Judges. Co-author, Collier on Bankruptcy, 15th edition revised. Associate editor, American Bankruptcy Law Journal. Recipient, 1992 President's Pro Bono Service Award, New York State Bar Association. Recipient, 2006 Pro Bono Service Award, Vermont Bar Association.

Federal Judicial Service

First term, Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Vermont, April 10, 2000 to April 9, 2014. Second term commenced April 10, 2014. Appointed Chief Judge effective April 10, 2000.

Clerkship

Law Clerk to Hon. Beryl E. McGuire, Bankruptcy Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of New York.

First woman bankruptcy judge in the District of Vermont.

First woman Chief Bankruptcy Judge in the District of Vermont.

CHIEF JUDGE 2000-

TINA BROZMAN

Education

New York University, B.A., 1973. Fordham, J.D., 1976.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1976–1985, 2000–2007.

Federal Judicial Service

Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York, March 1985. Served as Chief Bankruptcy Judge, 1996–2000. Retired from the bench, January 31, 2000. Died June 2007.

First woman Chief Bankruptcy Judge in the Southern District of New York.

CHIEF JUDGE 1996 - 2000

VANESSA L. BRYANT

Education

Howard University, B.A., 1975. University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., 1978.

Professional Career

Private practice, Hartford, Connecticut, 1978–1981. Counsel, Aetna Life & Casualty Company, 1981–1989. Counsel, Shawmut Bank, 1989–1990. Vice president and general counsel, Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, 1990–1992. Member, Connecticut Board of Pardons, 1991–1998. Private practice, 1992–1998. Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Trustee, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut, Bridgeport division, 1996–1998. Connecticut Superior Court Judge, 1998–2007; Presiding Judge, Civil Division, New Britain Judicial District, 2002–2003; Administrative Judge, Judicial District of Litchfield, 2003–2005; Presiding Judge, Civil Division, Judicial District of Hartford, 2006–2007; Presiding Judge, New Britain Judicial District, 2002–2004; Presiding Judge, Hartford Judicial District, 2006–2007.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President George W. Bush to the District Court of the District of Connecticut, January 9, 2007. Confirmed March 28, 2007. Commissioned April 2, 2007.

First African American woman federal judge in New England.

NAOMI REICE BUCHWALD

Education

Brandeis University, B.A., 1965. Columbia Law School, LL.B., 1968.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1968-1973. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, 1973-1980.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, February 12, 1999. Confirmed September 13, 1999. Commissioned September 22, 1999. Assumed senior status March 21, 2012.

ELLEN BREE BURNS

Education

Albertus Magnus College, B.A., 1944. Yale Law School, LL.B., 1947.

Professional Career

Special assistant, Commission to Revise the Connecticut General Statutes, 1947-1948. Attorney, Legislative Legal Services, Connecticut General Assembly, 1949-1973. Judge, Connecticut Circuit Court, 1973-1974. Judge, Connecticut Court of Common Pleas, 1974-1976. Judge, Connecticut Superior Court, 1976-1978.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Jimmy Carter to the District Court of the District of Connecticut, February 15, 1978. Confirmed May 17, 1978. Commissioned May 18, 1978. Served as Chief Judge, 1988-1992. Assumed senior status September 1, 1992. Service terminated June 3, 2019, due to death.

First woman district judge in the District of Connecticut.

First woman Chief Judge in the District of Connecticut.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

CHIEF JUDGE 1988 - 1992

MARGARET CANGILOS-RUIZ

Education

Cornell University, A.B., 1974. Albany Law School, J.D., 1979.

Professional Career

Private practice, 1995–2007.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of New York, February 16, 2007. Appointed Chief Judge effective January 1, 2015.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Justin J. Mahoney, Bankruptcy Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of New York.

Law Clerk, Hon. Thomas C. Britton, Bankruptcy Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida.

First woman bankruptcy judge in the Northern District of New York.

CHIEF JUDGE 2015 -

VALERIE E. CAPRONI

Education

Newcomb College Institute of Tulane University, B.A., 1976. University of Georgia School of Law, J.D., 1979.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1980–1985, 2001–2003. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York, 1985–1989, 1992–1998; chief, Special Prosecutions Unit, 1993; chief attorney, Organized Crime and Racketeering Unit, 1993–1994; chief, Criminal Division, 1994–1998. General counsel and senior vice president, New York State Urban Development Corporation, 1989–1992. Regional director, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Los Angeles, California, 1998–2001. General counsel, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2003–2011. Vice president and deputy general counsel, Northrop Grumman Corporation, 2011–2013.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, January 4, 2013. Confirmed September 9, 2013. Commissioned December 2, 2013.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Phyllis Kravitch, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

SUSAN L. CARNEY

Education

Harvard University, A.B., 1973. Harvard Law School, J.D., 1977.

Professional Career

Private practice, Boston, Massachusetts, 1979. Private practice, Washington, D.C., 1979–1988, 1994–1996. Independent legal consultant, Washington, D.C., 1988–1993. Associate general counsel, Peace Corps, Washington, D.C., 1996–1998. Office of General Counsel, Yale University, 1998–2011; associate general counsel, 1998–2001; deputy general counsel, 2001–2011; acting general counsel, 2008.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, January 5, 2011. Confirmed May 17, 2011. Commissioned May 17, 2011.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Levin H. Campbell, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

SARAH L. CAVE

Education

Colgate University, B.A., 1995. University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 1997.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 2007–2019. Staff law clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Member, New York City Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, Federal Bar Council. Former member, board of directors, Legal Aid Society of New York; co-chair, diversity and inclusion committee. Former vice president, board of directors, Federal Bar Foundation.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York, October 1, 2019.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Joan Lenard, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

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MIRIAM GOLDMAN CEDARBAUM

Education

Barnard College, B.A., 1950. Columbia Law School, LL.B., 1953.

Professional Career

Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, 1954–1957. Attorney, Court of Claims Section, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, 1958–1959. Part-time legal consultant, New York City, 1959–1962. First assistant counsel, New York State Moreland Commission on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, 1963–1964. Associate counsel, The Museum of Modern Art, New York City, 1965–1979. Acting justice, Scarsdale [New York] Village Court, 1978–1982. Justice, Scarsdale [New York] Village Court, 1982–1986. Private practice, New York City, 1979–1986.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Ronald Reagan to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, February 3, 1986. Confirmed March 3, 1986. Commissioned March 4, 1986. Assumed senior status March 31, 1998. Service terminated February 5, 2016, due to death.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Edward Jordan Dimock, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

SHELLEY C. CHAPMAN

Education

Cornell University, B.A., 1978. Harvard Law School, J.D., 1981.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1993-2010. Adjunct professor, Brooklyn Law School, 1985-1986. Member, Board of Directors, inMotion, New York City, 2001-2007; board chair, 2004-2007. Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy, Member, National Conference of bankruptcy Judges. Member, Advisory Committee, ABI Commission to Study Chapter 11 Reform; judicial chair, ABI Mid-Level New York City Conference. Member, 2012 NCBJ Education Committee.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York, March 5, 2010.

PAMELA K. CHEN

Education

University of Michigan, B.A., 1983. Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 1986.

Professional Career

Private practice, Washington, D.C., 1986–1991. Trial attorney, Special Litigation Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 1991–1998; senior trial attorney, 1992–1998. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York, 1998–2007, 2008–2013; chief, Civil Rights Litigation Unit, 2003–2006; deputy chief, Public Integrity Section, 2006–2007; chief, Civil Rights Section, 2006–2007, 2008–2013. Deputy commissioner for enforcement, New York State Division of Human Rights, 2008.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the District Court of the Eastern District of New York, January 4, 2013. Confirmed March 4, 2013. Commissioned March 5, 2013.

First openly gay Asian American federal judge.

JENNIFER CHOE-GROVES

Education

Princeton University, A.B., 1991. Rutgers School of Law - Newark, J.D., 1994. Columbia Law School, LL.M., 1998.

Professional Career

Assistant District Attorney, Manhattan District Attorney's Office, 1994–1997. Senior Director for Intellectual Property and Innovation; chair of the Special 301 Committee, Executive Office of the President of the United States, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 2005–2010. Private practice, 1998–2005, 2010–2015.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the Court of International Trade, July 30, 2015. Confirmed June 6, 2016. Commissioned June 9, 2016.

GENEVIEVE CLINE

Education

Baldwin-Wallace College, LL.B., 1921.

Professional Career

Private practice, Cleveland, Ohio, 1921–1928. Appraiser of merchandise, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Cleveland, Ohio, 1922–1928.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Calvin Coolidge to the U.S. Customs Court, May 4, 1928. Confirmed May 25, 1928. Commissioned May 26, 1928. Retired from the bench March 1, 1953. Died October 25, 1959.

First woman federal judge.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

DENISE L. COTE

Education

St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, B.A., 1968. Columbia University, M.A., 1969. Columbia Law School, J.D., 1975.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1976–1977, 1985–1991. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, 1977–1985, 1991–1994; chief, Criminal Division, 1991–1994. Special assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 1994.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, April 26, 1994. Confirmed August 9, 1994. Commissioned August 10, 1994. Assumed senior status December 15, 2011.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Jack B. Weinstein, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

CARLA E. CRAIG

Education

Williams College, B.A., 1976. University of Michigan, J.D., 1979.

Professional Career

Private practice, 1980–2000.

Federal Judicial Service

First term, Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York, February 28, 2000 to February 27, 2014. Second term, February 27, 2014 to October 1, 2020. Served as Chief Bankruptcy Judge, March 1, 2007- October 1, 2020.

CHIEF JUDGE 2007 - 2020

MELANIE L. CYGANOWSKI

Education

Grinnell College, A.B., 1974. SUNY Buffalo, J.D., 1981.

Professional Career

Private practice, 1982–1993, 2007–. Adjunct professor, St. John's School of Law, LL.M. Program in Bankruptcy, 2000 –.

Federal Judicial Service

Served as Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York from March 1, 1993 to 2007. Served as Chief Bankruptcy Judge, 2005–2007.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Charles L. Brieant, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

First woman Chief Bankruptcy judge in the Eastern District of New York

 **25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE**

CHIEF JUDGE 2005 - 2007

MAE D'AGOSTINO

Education

Siena College, B.A., 1977. Syracuse University College of Law, J.D., 1980.

Professional Career

Private practice, Albany, New York, 1981–1997. Adjunct professor, Albany Law School, 1991–2011. Private practice, Menands, New York, 1997–2011.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the District Court of the Northern District of New York, January 5, 2011. Confirmed March 28, 2011. Commissioned March 30, 2011.

THERESE WILEY DANCKS

Education

LeMoyne College, B.A., 1985. Syracuse University College of Law, J.D., 1991.

Professional Career

Private practice, 1991-2012. Past president, Central New York Women's Bar Association.

Chairwoman, board of directors, Hiscock Legal Aid Society. Secretary, board of directors, St. Elizabeth College of Nursing.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of New York February 10, 2012.

DIANE DAVIS

Education

St. Lawrence University, B.A. Albany Law School, J.D.

Professional Career

Counsel, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, Albany, New York, 1995–2009. Counsel, Civil Justice Reform Commission, Northern District of New York. Assistant Director of Career Planning, Albany Law School.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of New York March 6, 2009.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Ralph W. Smith, Jr., Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York.

MARY DONLON

Education

Cornell University Department of Law, LL.B., 1920.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1921–1944. Chairwoman, New York State Industrial Board, 1944–1945. Chairwoman, New York State Workers Compensation Board, 1945–1954.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Dwight Eisenhower to the U.S. Customs Court, June 22, 1955. Confirmed July 29, 1955. Commissioned August 1, 1955. Assumed senior status on October 1, 1966. Service terminated March 5, 1977, due to death. Also known as Mary Donlon Alger (1971-77).

ANN DONNELLY

Education

University of Michigan, B.A., 1981. Ohio State University College of Law, J.D., 1984.

Professional Career

New York County [New York] District Attorney's Office, 1984–2009; Assistant District Attorney, 1984–1997; senior trial counsel, 1997–2005; bureau chief, Family Violence Child Abuse Bureau, 2005–2009. Judge, New York State Court of Claims, 2009–2015; Supreme Court of Bronx County [New York], criminal term, 2009–2013; Special Term for Election Matters, 2013; Supreme Court of Kings County [New York], criminal term, 2013–2014; Supreme Court of New York County [New York], criminal term, 2014–2015.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the District Court of the Eastern District of New York, January 7, 2015. Confirmed October 20, 2015. Commissioned October 21, 2015.

KARI A. DOOLEY

Education

Cornell University, B.A., 1985. University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., 1988.

Professional Career

Private practice, Greenwich, Connecticut, 1988–1992. Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Connecticut, 1992–2004. Judge, Connecticut Superior Court, 2004–2018.

Federal Judicial Service

Private practice, Greenwich, Connecticut, 1988–1992. Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Connecticut, 1992–2004. Judge, Connecticut Superior Court, 2004–2018.

DOROTHY EISENBERG

Education

Brooklyn Law School, L.L.B., 1950.

Professional Career

Private practice. Member, Committee on Character and Fitness, Appellate Division, 2nd Department 1983-1989. Former panel trustee, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York on March 28, 1989.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

KATHERINE POLK FAILLA

Education

College of William and Mary, B.A., 1990. Harvard Law School, J.D., 1993.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1994–2000. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, 2000–2013; deputy chief, Criminal Appeals Unit, 2004–2008; chief, Criminal Appeals Unit, 2008–2013.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, January 4, 2013. Confirmed March 4, 2013. Commissioned March 5, 2013.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Joseph E. Irenas, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

SANDRA J. FEUERSTEIN

Education

University of Vermont, B.S., 1966. Yeshiva University, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, J.D., 1979.

Professional Career

Teacher, New York Public School System, 1966–1971. Law clerk, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Law Department, 1980–1985. Judge, Nassau County [New York] District Court, 1987–1994. Justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Tenth Judicial District, 1994–1999. Associate justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, 1999–2003.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President George W. Bush to the District Court for the Eastern District of New York, January 7, 2003. Confirmed September 17, 2003. Commissioned September 22, 2003. Assumed senior status January 21, 2015.

Clerkship

Law clerk, Hon. Leo H. McGinity, Judge, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division.

HOLLY FITZSIMMONS

Education

Smith College, B.A., 1971. University of Virginia, J.D., M.A., 1976.

Professional Career

Private practice, Hartford, Connecticut, 1976–1978. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Criminal Division, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut, 1978–1982; lead attorney, New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force in Connecticut, 1982–1986; assistant-in-charge, Bridgeport Office, 1986–1989; chief of special prosecutions and senior litigation counsel 1989–1993. Adjunct professor, trial practice, Yale Law School, 1992–. Member, Federal Magistrate Judges Association. Member, Raymond Baldwin Inn of Court. Founding member, Hartford Association of Women Attorneys.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the District of Connecticut June 4, 1993. Assumed recalled magistrate judge status April 2, 2015.

★ **25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE**

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KATHERINE B. FORREST

Education

Wesleyan University, B.A., 1986. New York University School of Law, J.D., 1990.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1990–2010, 2018–. Deputy Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, 2010–2011.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, May 4, 2011. Confirmed October 13, 2011. Commissioned October 17, 2011. Retired from the bench, September 11, 2018.

DEBRA FREEMAN

Education

Yale University, B.A., 1979. New York University, J.D., 1986.

Professional Career

Private practice, 1986–2001. Member, board of directors, Legal Aid Society of New York, 1993–1999.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York on March 2, 2001. Served as Chief Magistrate Judge from January 2016 to December 2017.

CHIEF JUDGE 2016 - 2017

NINA GERSHON

Education

Cornell University, B.A., 1962. Yale Law School, LL.B., 1965.

Professional Career

Staff attorney, Mental Health Information Service, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, 1966–1968. Assistant corporation counsel, Appeals Division, New York City Law Department, 1968–1969; 1970–1972. Professor of law and political science, University of California, San Diego, 1969–1970. Attorney, New York City Law Department, 1972–1976; chief, Federal Appeals Division, 1972–1975; chief, Consumer Protection Division, 1975–1976. Adjunct professor of law, Cardozo School of Law, 1986–1988.

Federal Judicial Service

Served as a Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York from August 3, 1976 to July 31, 1996. Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the District Court for the Eastern District of New York, October 18, 1995. Confirmed July 30, 1996. Commissioned August 1, 1996. Assumed senior status October 16, 2008.

First woman magistrate judge in the Southern District of New York.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

MARILYN D. GO

Education

Radcliffe, B.A., 1973. Harvard Law School, J.D., 1977.

Professional Career

Assistant U.S. Attorney, Civil Division, Eastern District of New York, 1978–1982. Private practice, 1982–1993. Vice chair, Standing Committee for Minorities in the Judiciary, American Bar Association. Trustee, Federal Bar Council, 1993–2000. Trustee, Harvard Law Association of New York, 1991–1994. Member, Governor's Task Force on Minority Representation on the Bench, 1991–1992.

Federal Judicial Service

First term as a Magistrate Judge of the Eastern District of New York, March 10, 1993 to October 15, 2016. Second term, October 16, 2016 to October 17, 2018.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. William M. Marutani, Judge, Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

CECILIA GOETZ

Education

New York University, B.A., 1940. New York University, LL.B., 1940. New York University, LL.M., 1957.

Professional Career

Attorney, claims division (now civil division), Department of Justice, Washington, DC, 1943–1946. Associate counsel, Office of Chief of Counsel for War Crimes, Nuremberg, Germany, 1946–1948. Assistant chief counsel, Office of Price Stabilization, Washington, DC, 1951–1952. Special assistant to the Attorney General, Tax Division, Department of Justice, 1952–1953. Private practice, New York City, 1949–1951, 1953–1978, 1994–1995.

Federal Judicial Service

Served as a Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York from 1978–1993.

First woman bankruptcy judge in the Eastern District of New York.

SHARON E. GRUBIN

Education

Smith College, A.B., 1970. Boston University, J.D., 1973.

Professional Career

Metropolitan Opera, General Counsel, 2000–2012. Private practice, 1973–1984.

Federal Judicial Service

Served as a Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York from March 1, 1984 to February 29, 2000.

JANET C. HALL

Education

Mount Holyoke College, A.B., 1970. New York University School of Law, J.D., 1973.

Professional Career

Private practice, 1973–1975. Trial attorney, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 1975–1979. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia, 1979. Private practice, Hartford, Connecticut, 1980–1997.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the District Court of the District of Connecticut, June 5, 1997. Confirmed September 11, 1997. Commissioned September 18, 1997. Served as Chief Judge, 2013–2018.

CHIEF JUDGE 2013 - 2018

LASHANN MOUTIQUE DEARCY HALL

Education

Antioch College, B.A., 1992. Howard University School of Law, J.D., 2000.

Professional Career

U.S. Air Force senior airman, 1995–1997. Private practice, New York City, 2000–2015.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the District Court for the Eastern District of New York, January 7, 2015. Confirmed November 16, 2015. Commissioned November 17, 2015.

CAROL E. HECKMAN

Education

Lawrence University, B.A., 1974. Cornell, J.D., 1977.

Professional Career

Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, 1979–1981. Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Buffalo, New York, 1981–1985. Private practice, 1985–1992, 2000–.

Federal Judicial Service

Served as Magistrate Judge for the Western District of New York from June 1, 1992 to May 31, 2000.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. John Curtin, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York.

First woman magistrate judge in the Western District of New York.

CHARLA HULL

Education

Swarthmore College, 1917.

Professional Career

Private practice, Binghamton, New York.

Federal Judicial Service

Served as U.S. Commissioner for the Northern Judicial District of New York from 1946–1971. Served as Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of New York from 1971–1979. Died in 1985.

First woman commissioner/magistrate in New York state.

DORA L. IRIZARRY

Education

Yale University, B.A., 1976. Columbia Law School, J.D., 1979.

Professional Career

Assistant District Attorney, Bronx County, New York, 1979–1987; Appeals Bureau, 1979–1981; Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor, 1981–1987. Assistant District Attorney, Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor, New York County, New York, 1987–1995. Judge, Criminal Court of the City of New York, 1995–1997. Acting justice, New York State Court of Claims, 1997–2002; Kings County 1997–1998; New York County, 1998–2002. Private practice, New York City, 2002–2004.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President George W. Bush to the District Court of the Eastern District of New York, April 28, 2003. Confirmed June 24, 2004. Commissioned July 8, 2004. Served as Chief Judge, 2016–2020. Assumed senior status on January 26, 2020.

CHIEF JUDGE 2016 - 2020

BARBARA S. JONES

Education

Mount St. Mary's College, B.A., 1968. Temple University School of Law, J.D., 1973.

Professional Career

Special attorney, Organized Crime & Racketeering, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 1973. Special attorney, Manhattan Strike Force Against Organized Crime & Racketeering, U.S. Department of Justice, 1973–1977. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, 1977–1987; chief, General Crimes Unit, 1983–1984; chief, Organized Crime Unit, 1984–1987. Adjunct associate professor of law, Fordham Law School, 1985–1995. First Assistant District Attorney, New York County, New York, 1987–1995. Member, U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, 2010–2012. Private practice, New York City, 2013–.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, October 18, 1995. Confirmed December 22, 1995. Commissioned December 26, 1995. Assumed senior status December 31, 2012. Retired from the bench January 4, 2013.

AMALYA L. KEARSE

Education

Wellesley College, B.A., 1959. University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 1962.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1962–1979. Adjunct lecturer, New York University Law School, 1968–1969.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Jimmy Carter to the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, May 3, 1979. Confirmed June 19, 1979. Commissioned June 21, 1979. Assumed senior status June 11, 2002.

First woman judge on the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

CLAIRE R. KELLY

Education

Barnard College, B.A., 1987. Brooklyn Law School, J.D., 1993.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1993–1997. Faculty, Brooklyn Law School, 1997–2013; co-director, Dennis J. Block Center for the Study of International Business Law; faculty advisor, Brooklyn Journal of International Law. Board of directors, Customs and International Trade Bar Association; chair, Subcommittee on Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the Court of International Trade, January 4, 2013. Confirmed May 23, 2013. Commissioned May 28, 2013.

RACHEL P. KOVNER

Education

Harvard University, A.B., 2001. Stanford Law School, J.D., 2006. Temple Bar Scholar, American Inns of Court, 2008.

Professional Career

Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, 2009–2013. Assistant to the Solicitor General, U.S. Department of Justice, 2013–2019.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Donald Trump to the District Court of the Eastern District of New York, May 21, 2019. Confirmed October 16, 2019. Commissioned October 17, 2019.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States. Law Clerk, Hon. J. Harvie Wilkinson III, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

SHIRLEY WOHL KRAM

Education

Brooklyn Law School, LL.B., 1950.

Professional Career

Attorney, Legal Aid Society, New York City, 1951–1953, 1962–1971; assistant attorney-in-charge, Harlem Office, 1962–1971; chief, Narcotics and Mental Health Division, 1962–1971. Private practice, New York City, 1954–1960. Judge, New York City Family Court, New York County, 1971–1983.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Ronald Reagan to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, January 31, 1983. Confirmed March 2, 1983. Commissioned March 2, 1983. Service terminated August 21, 2009, due to death.

★ **25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE**

PEGGY KUO

Education

Yale University, B.A., 1985. Harvard Law School, J.D., 1988.

Professional Career

Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Columbia, 1989–1993. Trial attorney; acting deputy chief, Civil Rights Division Criminal Section, U.S. Department of Justice, 1994–1998. Private practice, New York City, 1998–2005. Chief hearing officer, New York Stock Exchange, 2005–2011. Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel, New York City Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings, 2011–2015.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York October 9, 2015.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Judith Rogers, Judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

BARBARA LEE

Education

Boston University, A.B., 1959. Harvard Law School, J.D., 1962.

Professional Career

United States Securities and Exchange Commission, 1962–1966. Coordinating Committee on Discipline, Appellate Division, First Department, 1967. Private practice, 1968–1987.

Federal Judicial Service

Served a Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York from February 4, 1988 to February 3, 1996.

ARLENE R. LINDSAY

Education

University of Dayton, B.A., 1968. New York University, J.D., 1975.

Professional Career

Assistant Bronx District Attorney, 1975–1978. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York, 1978–1983; chief, Long Island Division, 1990–1994. Deputy Suffolk County (NY) attorney, 1983–1988. Town attorney, Huntington, New York, 1988–1990. Chief, White Collar Crime and Complex Litigation Section, Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, 1990. Adjunct professor, Touro Law School. Visiting lecturer, CEELI program, American Bar Association.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York January 18, 1994. Assumed recalled status November 8, 2019.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

DEBRA ANN LIVINGSTON

Education

Princeton University, B.A., 1980. Harvard Law School, J.D., 1984.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York, 1985–1986, 1991–1992. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, 1986–1991. Assistant professor, University of Michigan Law School, 1992–1994. Faculty, Columbia Law School, 1994–2007; associate professor, 1994–2000; professor, 2000–2007; vice dean, 2005–2006.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President George W. Bush to the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, January 9, 2007. Confirmed May 9, 2007. Commissioned May 17, 2007.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. J. Edward Lumbard, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

First woman chief judge of the Second Circuit.

CHIEF JUDGE 2020 -

NANCY HERSHEY LORD

Education

SUNY Stony Brook, B.A., 1977. Brooklyn Law School, J.D., 1980.

Professional Career

Private practice. Assistant Attorney General, New York State Office of the Attorney General; section chief, General Recoveries Unit of the Civil Recoveries Bureau; head, Bankruptcy Unit, Litigation Bureau. Member, Bankruptcy Section, National Association of Attorneys General. Former vice-president, State Association of Bankruptcy Attorneys.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York, February 29, 2012.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Conrad B. Duberstein, Bankruptcy Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York.

Law Clerk, Hon. Saul Seidman, Bankruptcy Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut.

MARY JOHNSON LOWE

Education

Hunter College, City University of New York, B.A., 1951. Brooklyn Law School, LL.B., 1954. Columbia Law School, LL.M., 1955.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1955–1971. Judge, Criminal Court of the City of New York, 1971–1973. Acting justice, Supreme Court of New York County, 1973–1974. Justice, Supreme Court of Bronx County [New York], 1975–1976. Justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, 1977–1978.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Jimmy Carter to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, May 10, 1978. Confirmed June 23, 1978. Commissioned June 27, 1978. Service terminated February 27, 1999, due to death.

ROANNE L. MANN

Education

Yale University, B.A., 1972. Stanford, J.D., 1975.

Professional Career

Appeals Bureau, New York County District Attorney's Office, 1975–1976. Special assistant to the Assistant Attorney General in charge, Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 1977–1978. Appeals unit chief; senior litigation counsel; deputy chief, Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, 1978–1986. Private practice, New York City, 1986–1994. Member, Criminal Justice Act panel, Southern District of New York. Member, board of directors, New York Council of Defense Lawyers; chair, Federal Rules Committee. Board member, Federal Bar Council.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York March 7, 1994. Served as Chief Magistrate Judge from 2012 to 2020.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

First woman chief magistrate judge in the Eastern District of New York.

★ **25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE**

CHIEF JUDGE 2012 - 2020

JULIE A. MANNING

Education

Fairfield University, B.A. Suffolk University, J.D.

Professional Career

Private practice, 1999–2013. Former member, Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section, Connecticut Bar Association; former member, Executive Committee.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Connecticut, September 9, 2013. Appointed Chief Bankruptcy Judge September 9, 2014.

CHIEF JUDGE 2014 -

JOAN GLAZER MARGOLIS

Education

Brandeis University, B.A. University of Connecticut, J.D.

Professional Career

Private practice, 1980–1985.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the District of Connecticut February 4, 1985. Assumed recalled magistrate status May 1, 2018.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Ellen Bree Burns, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut.

First woman magistrate judge in the District of Connecticut.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

DONNA F. MARTINEZ

Education

University of Connecticut, B.A., 1973. University of Connecticut, M.A., 1975. University of Connecticut, J.D., 1978.

Professional Career

Assistant corporation counsel, City Hall, Hartford, Connecticut, 1978–1980. Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Connecticut, 1980–1994.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the District of Connecticut February 8, 1994. Assumed recalled magistrate status May 1, 2019.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

KIYO A. MATSUMOTO

Education

University of California, Berkley, B.A., 1976. Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 1981.

Professional Career

Private practice, Seattle, Washington, 1981–1983. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York, 1983–2004. Adjunct professor of law, New York University School of Law, 1998–2004.

Federal Judicial Service

Served as a Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York from July 12, 2004 to July 22, 2008. Nominated by President George W. Bush to the District Court of the Eastern District of New York on March 11, 2008. Confirmed July 17, 2008. Commissioned July 22, 2008.

ROSLYNN R. MAUSKOPF

Education

Brandeis University, B.A., 1979. Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 1982.

Professional Career

Assistant District Attorney, New York County, New York, 1982–1995. Inspector general, State of New York, 1995–2002. U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, 2002–2007.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President George W. Bush to the District Court of the Eastern District of New York, January 9, 2007. Confirmed October 4, 2007. Commissioned October 18, 2007. Served as Chief Judge beginning February 1, 2020.

CHIEF JUDGE 2020 -

JUDITH C. MCCARTHY

Education

Barnard College, B.A., 1987. CUNY Law School, J.D., 1991.

Professional Career

Assistant Attorney General-in-Charge, New York State Attorney General's Office, Westchester, New York. First deputy general counsel, New York City Human Resources Administration. Deputy assistant chief, General Litigation Division, New York City Law Department. Executive vice president and general counsel, New York Power Authority.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York April 14, 2014.

COLLEEN MCMAHON

Education

Ohio State University, B.A., 1973. Harvard Law School, J.D., 1976.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York, 1976–1979, 1980–1995. Speechwriter and special assistant, Hon. Donald McHenry, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, 1979–1980. Judge, New York State Court of Claims, and acting justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, 1995–1998. Member, Judicial Conference of the United States, 2016–.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, May 21, 1998. Confirmed October 21, 1998. Commissioned October 22, 1998. Served as Chief Judge, 2016–.

CHIEF JUDGE 2016 -

SARAH A. L. MERRIAM

Education

Georgetown University, B.A., 1993. Yale Law School, J.D., 2000. Duke, LL.M., 2018.

Professional Career

Assistant federal defender, District of Connecticut, 2007–2015. Private practice, Hartford Connecticut.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the District of Connecticut April 3, 2015.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Thomas Meskill, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Law Clerk, Hon. Alvin W. Thompson, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut.

CECELIA G. MORRIS

Education

West Texas State University, B.S., 1968. John Marshall Law School, J.D., 1977.

Professional Career

Law clerk, Griffin, Georgia, 1976. Private practice, Griffin, Georgia, 1977–1978. Assistant District Attorney; administrator of the Civil Division Child Support Recovery Unit, Griffin Judicial Circuit, Griffin, Georgia, 1979–1981. Private practice, Macon, Georgia, 1981–1986. Clerk of Court, Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Georgia, 1986–1988. Clerk of Court, Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York, 1988–2000.

Federal Judicial Service

First term as Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York, July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2014. Second term commenced July 1, 2014. Appointed Chief Judge March 2012.

CHIEF JUDGE 2012 -

BARBARA MOSES

Education

Dartmouth College, B.A., 1978. Harvard Law School, J.D., 1982.

Professional Career

Private practice, San Francisco and New York City, 1982–2015. Adjunct professor, New York University Law School, 2009–2011. Director, Constitutional and Civil Rights Litigation Clinic, Seton Hall Law School, 2011–2015. Director, New York County Lawyers' Association, 2007–; president, 2013–2014; chair, Federal Courts Committee, 2004–2006. Recipient, David Y. Hinshaw Award, New York County Lawyers' Association Federal Courts Committee, 2015. Member, American Bar Association. Member, New York State Bar Association. Member, American Law Institute.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the District of Connecticut December 23, 2015.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Vincent McKusick, Chief Justice, Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

CONSTANCE BAKER MOTLEY

Education

New York University, B.A., 1943. Columbia Law School, LL.B., 1946.

Professional Career

Attorney, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, 1945–1965. Member, New York State Advisory Council on Employment and Unemployment Insurance, 1958–1964. State senator, New York, 1964–1965. Borough president, Manhattan, New York, 1965–1966. Member, Judicial Conference of the United States, 1982–1983.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Lyndon Johnson to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, January 26, 1966. Confirmed August 30, 1966. Commissioned August 30, 1966. Served as Chief Judge, 1982–1986. Assumed senior status September 30, 1986. Service terminated September 28, 2005, due to death.

First African American woman federal district judge.

First woman district judge in the Southern District of New York.

First African American woman to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court.

First woman New York City Borough President.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

CHIEF JUDGE 1982 - 1986

ALISON J. NATHAN

Education

Cornell University, B.A., 1994. Cornell Law School, J.D., 2000.

Professional Career

Private practice, Washington, D.C., 2002–2005. Private practice, New York City, 2005–2006. Visiting assistant professor, Fordham University School of Law, 2006–2008. Fritz Alexander Fellow, New York University School of Law, 2008–2009. Associate White House counsel and special assistant to President Barack Obama, 2009–2010. Special counsel to the Solicitor General, State of New York, 2010–2011.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, March 31, 2011. Confirmed October 13, 2011. Commissioned October 17, 2011.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. John Paul Stevens, Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court.

Law Clerk, Hon. Betty B. Fletcher, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

SARAH NETBURN

Education

Brown University, B.A., 1994. University of California at Los Angeles School of Law, J.D., 2001.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 2002–2010. Chief counsel, Office of Pro Se Litigation, Southern District of New York, 2010–2012. Former member, board of directors, The Fortune Society. Recipient, Legal Aid Society's Pro Bono Publico Award, 2004, 2005.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York August 16, 2012.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Harry Pregerson, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

ANN M. NEVINS

Education

University of Michigan, B.A., 1986. Boston University, J.D., 1989.

Professional Career

Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Bridgeport, Connecticut, 1999–2015. Private practice, Bridgeport, Connecticut, 1989–1999.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Connecticut April 15, 2015.

KATHARINE H. PARKER

Education

Duke, B.A., 1989. Fordham, J.D., 1992.

Professional Career

Private practice, 1993–2016. Fellow, The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. Former chair, Disability Law and Employment Committees, New York City Bar Association. Recipient, Fairy Godmother Award, Girl Be Heard. Recipient, Jeremy Epstein Award for Pro Bono Service, New York City Bar Association.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York November 4, 2016.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Warren Eginton, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut.

MARIAN W. PAYSON

Education

Duke, B.A., 1981. Northwestern, J.D., 1984.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1985–1989. U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, 1990–1997; deputy chief appellate attorney, 1994–1996. Of counsel, Public Interest Law Office, Rochester, New York, 1997–1999. Assistant Attorney General in Charge, New York State Attorney General's Office, Rochester, New York; Assistant Attorney General in Charge, 1999–2003.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the Western District of New York April 14, 2003.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Wilbur F. Pell, Jr., Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

CHERYL L. POLLAK

Education

Princeton, B.A., 1975. University of Chicago, J.D., 1978.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1979–1986. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York, 1986–1995; chief, Narcotics/OCDETF Unit, 1991–1994; deputy chief, Criminal Division, 1994–1995; coordinator, International Affairs & National Security.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York November 1, 1995. Appointed Chief Magistrate Judge in 2018.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. William H. Timbers, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

CHIEF JUDGE 2018 -

ROSEMARY S. POOLER

Education

Brooklyn College, B.A., 1959. University of Connecticut, M.A., 1961. University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 1965.

Professional Career

Private practice, Syracuse, New York, 1966–1972. Assistant corporation counsel and director of consumer affairs unit, Syracuse, New York, 1972–1973. District representative, Syracuse [New York] Common Council, 1974–1975. Chair and executive director, New York State Consumer Protection Board, 1975–1980. Commissioner, New York State Public Service Commission, 1981–1986. Staff director, Committee on Corporations, Authorities & Commissions, New York State Assembly, 1987. Visiting professor of law, Syracuse University, 1987–1988. Vice president of legal affairs, Atlantic States Legal Foundation, 1989–1990. Justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Fifth Judicial District, 1990–1994.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the District Court of the Northern District of New York, April 26, 1994. Confirmed August 9, 1994. Commissioned August 10, 1994. Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, November 6, 1997. Confirmed June 2, 1998. Commissioned June 3, 1998.

First woman district judge in the Northern District of New York.

★ **25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE**

LORETTA A. PRESKA

Education

College of St. Rose, B.A., 1970. Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 1973. New York University School of Law, LL.M., 1978.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1973–1992. Board member, Federal Judicial Center, 2008–2012.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President George H.W. Bush to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, March 31, 1992. Confirmed August 11, 1992. Commissioned August 12, 1992. Served as Chief Judge, 2009–2016. Assumed senior status on March 1, 2017.

★ **25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE**

CHIEF JUDGE 2009 - 2016

REENA RAGGI

Education

Wellesley College, B.A., 1973. Harvard Law School, J.D., 1976.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1977–1979, 1986–1987. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York, 1979–1986; chief, Narcotics Division, 1982–1984; chief, Special Prosecutions Division, 1984–1986. U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York (interim court appointment), 1986.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Ronald Reagan to the District Court of the Eastern District of New York, January 20, 1987. Confirmed May 7, 1987. Commissioned May 7, 1987. Nominated by President George W. Bush to the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, May 1, 2002. Confirmed September 20, 2002. Commissioned October 4, 2002. Assumed senior status August 31, 2018.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Thomas E. Fairchild, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

First woman district judge in the Eastern District of New York.

★ **25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE**

CHRISTINA REISS

Education

St. Michael's College, B.A., 1984. University of Arizona College of Law (now James E. Rogers College of Law), J.D., 1989.

Professional Career

Private practice, Portland, Maine, 1990–1992; Private practice, Burlington, Vermont, 1992–2004; Judge, Lamoille County [Vermont] District and Superior Courts, 2004–2009.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the District Court of the District of Vermont, October 13, 2009. Confirmed November 21, 2009. Commissioned December 21, 2009.

Clerkship

Maine Supreme Judicial Court

First woman district judge in the District of Vermont.

JANE A. RESTANI

Education

University of California, Berkeley, B.A., 1969. University of California, Davis, School of Law, J.D., 1973.

Professional Career

Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 1973–1983; trial attorney, 1973–1976; assistant chief, Commercial Litigation Branch, 1976–1980; director, Commercial Litigation Branch, 1980–1983. Member, Judicial Conference of the United States, 2003–2010.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Ronald Reagan to the Court of International Trade, November 3, 1983. Confirmed November 15, 1983. Commissioned November 16, 1983. Served as Chief Judge, 2003–2010. Assumed senior status March 1, 2015.

First woman judge on the Court of International Trade.

First woman Chief Judge of the Court of International Trade.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

CHIEF JUDGE 2003 - 2010

DELISSA A. RIDGWAY

Education

University of Missouri, B.A., 1975. Northeastern University School of Law, J.D., 1979.

Professional Career

Private practice, Washington, D.C., 1979–1994. Adjunct professor, Washington College of Law, American University, 1992–1994. Chair, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, U.S. Department of Justice, 1994–1998.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the Court of International Trade, January 27, 1998. Confirmed March 11, 1998. Commissioned March 17, 1998. Assumed senior status January 31, 2019.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. June L. Green, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

KATHLEEN A. ROBERTS

Education

University of Massachusetts, Boston, B.A., 1971. Yale Law School, J.D., 1977.

Professional Career

Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, Criminal and Civil Divisions, 1979–1985. Adjunct professor, New York University School of Law, 1998–. Co-teacher, Advanced Commercial Mediation, New York City Bar Association.

Federal Judicial Service

Served as a Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York from November 5, 1985 to April 14, 1995.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Judge William C. Conner, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

ALLYNER R. ROSS

Education

Wellesley College, B.A., 1967. Harvard Law School, J.D., 1970.

Professional Career

Staff attorney, Boston [Massachusetts] Legal Assistance Project, 1970–1971. Private practice, New York City, 1971–1976. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York, 1976–1986; chief, Appeals Division, 1983–1986.

Federal Judicial Service

Served as a Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York from September 22, 1986 to October 10, 1994. Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the District Court of the Eastern District of New York, July 22, 1994. Confirmed September 28, 1994. Commissioned September 29, 1994.

 **25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE**

BRENDA K. SANNES

Education

Carleton College, B.A., 1980. University of Wisconsin Law School, J.D., 1983.

Professional Career

Private practice, Los Angeles, California, 1984–1988. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Central District of California, 1988–1995; high intensity drug trafficking coordinator and deputy chief, Narcotics Section, 1994. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Northern District of New York, 1995–2014; chief, Appellate Division, 2005–2014; Syracuse office manager, 2010–2014.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the District Court of the Northern District of New York, May 8, 2014. Confirmed November 20, 2014. Commissioned November 21, 2014.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Jerome Farris, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

VERA M. SCANLON

Education

Columbia University, A.B., 1990. Yale Law School, J.D., 1995.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City. Adjunct professor, Brooklyn Law School. Member, Special Committee to Encourage Judicial Service, New York City Bar Association.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York August 14, 2012.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Robert Katzmann, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Law Clerk, Hon. Daniel Dominguez, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico.

Law Clerk, Hon. Frederic Block, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

SHIRA A. SCHEINDLIN

Education

University of Michigan, B.A., 1967. Columbia University, M.A., 1969. Cornell Law School, J.D., 1975.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1975–1976, 1990–1994, 2016–. Assistant U.S. attorney, Eastern District of New York, 1977–1981. General counsel, New York City Department of Investigation, 1981–1982. Adjunct professor, Brooklyn Law School, 1983–1994. Private practice, Short Hills, New Jersey, 1986–1990. Mediator, arbitrator, and special master, JAMS, New York City, 2016–.

Federal Judicial Service

Served as a Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York from April 19, 1982 to September 8, 1986. Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, July 28, 1994. Confirmed September 28, 1994. Commissioned September 29, 1994. Retired from the bench April 29, 2016.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Charles L. Brieant, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

First woman magistrate judge in the Eastern District of New York.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

LORNA G. SCHOFIELD

Education

Indiana University, B.A., 1977. New York University School of Law, J.D., 1981.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1981–1984, 1988–2012. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, 1984–1988.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, April 25, 2012. Confirmed December 13, 2012. Commissioned December 13, 2012.

First Filipino American woman to serve as an Article III federal judge.

CATHY SEIBEL

Education

Princeton University, A.B., 1982. Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 1985.

Professional Career

Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, 1987–1991, 1993–2008; Assistant U.S. Attorney-in-charge, 1997–1999; senior trial counsel, 1999–2005; Deputy U.S. Attorney, 2005–2008. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Western District of Washington, 1991–1993.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President George W. Bush to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, March 11, 2008. Confirmed July 22, 2008. Commissioned July 30, 2008.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Joseph M. McLaughlin, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

JOANNA SEYBERT

Education

University of Cincinnati, B.A., 1967. St. John's University School of Law, J.D., 1971.

Professional Career

Trial attorney, Legal Aid Society, New York City, 1971–1973. Senior trial attorney, Federal Defender Services, Legal Aid Society, Brooklyn, New York, 1973–1975. Private practice, Woodbury, New York, 1976–1979. Senior staff attorney, Legal Aid Society, Nassau County, New York, 1976–1979. Chief, Major Litigation Bureau, Nassau County [New York] Attorney's Office, 1980–1987. Judge, Nassau County [New York] District Court, 1987–1991. Judge, Nassau County [New York] Court, 1992–1993.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the District Court of the Eastern District of New York, September 24, 1993. Confirmed November 20, 1993. Commissioned November 24, 1993. Assumed senior status January 13, 2014.

 **25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE**

ANNE Y. SHIELDS

Education

SUNY Stony Brook, B.A. St. John's University, J.D.

Professional Career

Private practice. Former president, member of the board of directors, Courtyard Kids, Inc., Central Islip, New York.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York March 6, 2015.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. George C. Pratt, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Law Clerk, Hon. Leonard D. Wexler, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

LISA MARGARET SMITH

Education

Earlham College, B.A., 1977. Duke, J.D., 1980.

Professional Career

Assistant Attorney General, Appeals and Opinions Division, New York State Department of Law, Albany, New York, 1985–1986. Assistant District Attorney, Kings County [New York], 1980–1985; Supervising Senior Assistant District Attorney, Appeals Bureau; Supervising Senior Assistant District Attorney, 1986–1987. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Criminal Division, Southern District of New York, 1987–1995.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York, March 20, 1995. Served as Chief Magistrate Judge from 2006 to 2008.

First woman Chief Magistrate Judge in the Southern District of New York.

★ **25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE**

CHIEF JUDGE 2006 - 2008

SONIA SOTOMAYOR

Education

Princeton University, B.A., 1976. Yale Law School, J.D., 1979.

Professional Career

Assistant District Attorney, New York County, New York, 1979–1984. Private practice, New York City, 1984–1992.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President George H.W. Bush to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, November 27, 1991. Confirmed August 11, 1992. Commissioned August 12, 1992. Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, June 25, 1997. Confirmed October 2, 1998. Commissioned October 7, 1998. Nominated by President Barack Obama to the Supreme Court of the United States, June 1, 2009. Confirmed August 6, 2009. Commissioned August 6, 2009.

First Hispanic woman Supreme Court justice.



25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

ELIZABETH S. STONG

Education

Harvard University, A.B., 1978. Harvard Law School, J.D., 1982.

Professional Career

Private practice. Judicial trainer, U.S. Commerce Department, World Bank, ABA-ROLI, INSOL. Adjunct professor, Brooklyn Law School, St. John's University School of Law.

Federal Judicial Service

First term as Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York, September 2, 2003 to September 1, 2017. Second term commenced September 2, 2017.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. A. David Mazzone, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN

Education

Radcliffe College, A.B., 1979. Harvard Law School, J.D., 1982.

Professional Career

Private practice, 1982–1996. Member, New York State Board of Law Examiners, 1986–1996.

Federal Judicial Service

Served as a Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York from November 1, 1996 to April 25, 2000. Nominated by President Bill Clinton to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, April 25, 2000. Confirmed June 16, 2000. Commissioned July 11, 2000.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Constance Baker Motley, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

A. KATHLEEN TOMLINSON

Education

Rutgers, B.A., 1972. Long Island University, M.A., 1975. St. John's University, J.D., 1987.

Professional Career

Academic administrator, Long Island University; Assistant University Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences; adjunct faculty member, English Department. Appeals bureau, Nassau County Legal Aid Society. Private practice, Uniondale, New York, 1991-2006.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York February 24, 2006.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Arthur D. Spatt, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

ANALISA TORRES

Education

Harvard University, A.B., 1981. Columbia Law School, J.D., 1984.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1984–1992. General counsel, South Bronx [New York] Overall Economic Development Corporation, 1992. Commissioner, New York City Planning Commission, 1993–1995. Judge, Criminal Court of the City of New York, 2000–2002. Judge, Civil Court of the City of New York, 2003–2004. Justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Criminal Term, 2004–2013; acting justice, 2004–2011.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, January 4, 2013. Confirmed April 18, 2013. Commissioned April 23, 2013.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Elliott Wilk, Justice, New York Supreme Court, Civil Term.

SANDRA L. TOWNES

Education

Johnson C. Smith University, B.A., 1966. Syracuse University College of Law, J.D., 1976.

Professional Career

Assistant District Attorney, Onondaga County, New York, 1977–1987; senior Assistant District Attorney, 1983–1986; chief Assistant District Attorney, 1986–1987. Adjunct professor, Syracuse University College of Law, 1987–1995. Judge, Syracuse [New York] City Court, 1988–1999. Adjunct professor, Onondaga Community College, 1992–2001. Justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Fifth Judicial District, 2000–2004. Associate justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, 2001–2004.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President George W. Bush to the District Court of the Eastern District of New York, August 1, 2003. Confirmed June 3, 2004. Commissioned August 2, 2004. Assumed senior status May 1, 2015. Service terminated February 8, 2018, due to death.

MARY KAY VYSKOCIL

Education

Dominican College of Blauvelt, B.A., 1980. St. John's University, J.D., 1983.

Professional Career

Private practice, New York City, 1983-2016. Co-chair, Second Circuit Study on Racial Ethnic & Gender Fairness subcommittee. Member, Southern District of New York Judicial Improvement Committee Advisory Group.

Federal Judicial Service

Served as a Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York from April 7, 2016–December 20, 2019. Nominated by President Donald Trump to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, May 21, 2019. Confirmed December 19, 2019. Commissioned December 20, 2019.

ONA T. WANG

Education

Harvard-Radcliffe, A.B., 1988. Duke PhD., Zoology, 1995. New York University, J.D., 1998.

Professional Career

Private practice. Master, Federal Bar Council Inn of Court. Former member, executive committee of the nominating committee, New York City Bar Association. Former member, Second Circuit Judicial Conference Program and Planning Committee.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as a Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York March 5, 2018.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Deborah Batts, District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

RUTH V. WASHINGTON

Education

Hunter College, B.A., 1944. New York University, LL.B., 1947. New York University, J.D., 1968.

Professional Career

Associate counsel, New York State Commission for Human Rights, 1961–1963. WCL judge (referee), New York State Workers' Compensation Board, 1963–1968. Commissioner, New York State Workers' Compensation Board, 1968–1974. Chairperson, Appeals Board, Benefits Review Board, Department of Labor, 1974–1977. Private practice, New York City, 1977–1979, 1988–1989. Adjunct associate professor, Fordham University, 1987–1989. Arbitrator, New Jersey Mediation Board, 1989.

Federal Judicial Service

Served as a Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York from August 6, 1979 to October 3, 1987. Died January 20, 1990.

LORRAINE MURPHY WEIL

Education

Eastern Connecticut State University, B.A., 1979. University of Connecticut, J.D., 1983.

Professional Career

Private practice, Hartford, Connecticut, 1894–1999.

Federal Judicial Service

Commenced as Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Connecticut, April 23, 1999. Served as Chief Bankruptcy Judge from 2010 to 2013. Service terminated April 26, 2015, due to death.

Clerkship

Law Clerk, Hon. Robert L. Krechevsky, Bankruptcy Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut.

First woman bankruptcy judge in the District of Connecticut.

First woman Chief Bankruptcy judge in the District of Connecticut.

CHIEF JUDGE 2010 - 2013

KIMBA M. WOOD

Education

Connecticut College for Women (now Connecticut College), B.A., 1965. London School of Economics and Political Science, M.Sc., 1966. Harvard Law School, J.D., 1969.

Professional Career

Private practice, Washington, D.C., 1969–1970. Attorney, Office of Legal Services, Office of Economic Opportunity, Washington, D.C., 1970–1971. Private practice, New York City, 1971–1988. Member, Judicial Conference of the United States, 2006–2007.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Ronald Reagan to the District Court of the Southern District of New York, December 18, 1987. Confirmed April 19, 1988. Commissioned April 20, 1988. Served as Chief Judge 2006–2009. Assumed senior status June 1, 2009.

★ 25+ YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE

CHIEF JUDGE 2006 - 2009

ELIZABETH A. WOLFORD

Education

Colgate University, B.A., 1989. Notre Dame Law School, J.D., 1992.

Professional Career

Private practice, Rochester, New York, 1993-2013.

Federal Judicial Service

Nominated by President Barack Obama to the District Court of the Western District of New York, May 16, 2013. Confirmed December 12, 2013. Commissioned December 17, 2013.

First woman district judge in the Western District of New York.

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