

Hon. William C. Conner Inn of Court

Reception and Dinner

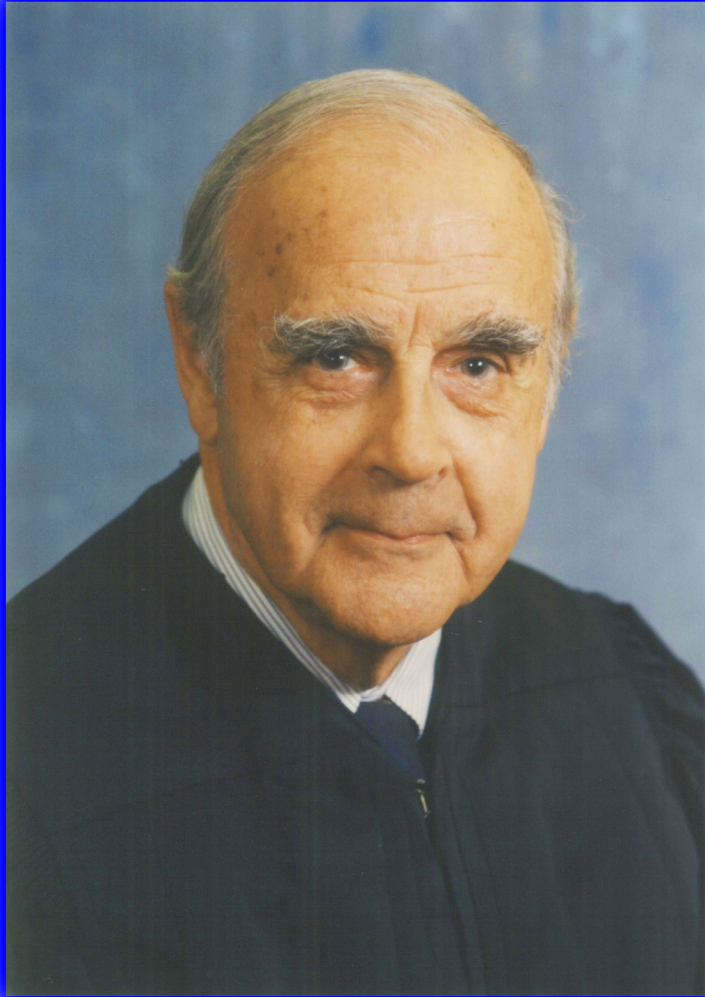


January 17, 2018

The Union League Club of New York



Judge William C. Conner



Mission of the Hon. William C. Conner Inn of Court

The mission of the Hon. William C. Conner Inn of Court is to promote excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills for judges, lawyers, academicians, and students of law and to advance the education of the members of the Inn, the members of the bench and bar, and the public in the fields of intellectual property law.





At our Inaugural Dinner in 2009, we presented Mrs. Conner with a bouquet of her favorite flowers - yellow roses.

*Honorable William C. Conner passed away on July 9, 2009.
His wife, Janice Files Conner, passed away on September 12, 2011.*

We continue to commemorate Mrs. Conner every year with yellow roses on the tables at our Annual Dinner.



Program

Reception • 6:00 pm

Dinner • 7:00 pm

Presentations

2018 Conner Inn Justice Awards

to

Distinguished Senior Judges

of the U.S. Court of Appeals

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and

U.S. District for the Southern District of New York

2018 Conner Inn Excellence Award

to

Hon. Pierre N. Leval

Senior Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Presented by Hon. J. Paul Oetken

District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

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Hon. Jimmie V. Reyna

Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

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Dinner Committee Co-Chairs

Jeffrey Butler and Melvin Garner



Message from Conner Inn Executive Committee Chair 2018

Welcome to the 10th Annual Reception and Dinner of the Hon. William C. Conner Inn of Court. It is incredible to think that 10 years have passed since Judge Conner and Mrs. Conner were with us here at the Union League Club for our Inaugural Dinner. Fortunately for us, we benefited from Judge Conner's generosity in sharing his time and talents with the Conner Inn as an active participant in all of the programs of our first year.

This year we are very proud to present the 2018 Conner Inn Excellence Awards to two outstanding jurists -- **Hon. Pierre N. Leval**, Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and **Hon. Jimmie V. Reyna**, Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit -- for their dedication to the promotion of excellence in our profession. In addition, we are recognizing **Hon. Gerard E. Lynch** and **Hon. Richard C. Wesley** of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, **Hon. Carol Bagley Amon** and **Hon. Eric N. Vitaliano** of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and **Hon. P. Kevin Castel** and **Hon. Loretta A. Preska** of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York for their continued commitment to the administration of justice and advancement of the rule of law with 2018 Conner Inn Justice Awards this evening.

Please enjoy this commemorative journal, including biographies of our award recipients and an article written by Melvin Garner that highlights the many excellent programs that were presented by judges, senior lawyers, junior lawyers and law student members of the Conner Inn during its ninth year of substantive IP programs. 2017 was a great year and we are looking forward to a phenomenal 2018. We continue to build on Judge Conner's legacy of excellence and professionalism because of the enthusiasm of our membership.

As chair of the Executive Committee, I would like to thank our Conner Inn President and Counselor, **Hon. J. Paul Oetken** and **Hon. Roslynn R. Mauskopf**, respectively, for their continued leadership; the other members of the Executive Committee (**Jeffrey M. Butler**, **Melvin Garner**, **Patrice P. Jean**, and **John R. Lane**) for their commitment; **Jeffrey M. Butler** and **Melvin Garner** for coordinating this event and putting together this commemorative journal; **Hon. Richard Linn** for his vision and initiative; and each of you for your enthusiastic support of the Conner Inn and its mission to promote professionalism, legal skills, ethics and civility in the practice of intellectual property law which Judge Conner exemplified. I am confident that Judge Conner would have been proud of the past accomplishments and future direction of the Conner Inn.

Anthony Giaccio
Executive Committee Chair



The Conner Inn Leadership

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Hon. Jimmie V. Reyna, *Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit*
Hon. Paul R. Michel, Chief Judge (Ret.), *Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit*



Hon. William C. Conner Inn of Court Activities for the Year 2016-2017

by Melvin Garner

It has become tradition during its nine years of existence for the Hon. William C. Conner Inn to open its operating year with a social event. This year was no different. The event was held on **September 28, 2016** at the restaurant Osteria del Circo. During the reception, there was an opportunity to meet new members and for pupillage groups to exchange ideas for Conner Inn's substantive programs.

The initial substantive meeting was held on **October 25, 2016** at the Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse. It began with a half-hour new member orientation program and was followed by a program entitled "Voir Dire: The Chemistry of Jury Selection." This program explored issues surrounding the selection of jurors in a patent case involving a U.S. Patent with claims drawn to a novel color blue. Audience members were empaneled and subjected to a mock voir dire. Conner Inn President, Hon. J. Paul Oetken, led the questioning. This was followed by a panel discussion concerning jury selection. Other Conner Inn members presenting the program included Dorothy Auth, Melvin Garner, Anthony Giaccio, Patrice Jean and Candice Hebden Osnato.

The next event put on by the Inn was a truly special one. On **November 16, 2016**, the Conner Inn presented a historical reenactment of the "Wright v. Curtiss 'Aeroplane' Patent Litigations" case. This program was in commemoration of the 125th Anniversary of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. The program revealed the historical background and the proceedings in the appeal at the Second Circuit in the patent infringement case over the Wright brother's airplane patent. The case included:

THE CAST

Hon. Robert A. Katzmann (Chief Judge, Second Circuit)
Hon. Denny Chin (Circuit Judge, Second Circuit)
Hon. Dennis Jacobs (Circuit Judge, Second Circuit)
Hon. Richard Linn (Circuit Judge, Federal Circuit)
Hon. Kathleen M. O'Malley (Circuit Judge, Federal Circuit)
Hon. Roslynn R. Mauskopf (District Judge, Eastern District)
Hon. J. Paul Oetken (District Judge, Southern District)
Hon. Kimberly McGraw (PTAB Judge, USPTO)
Hon. Karen Milton (Circuit Executive, Second Circuit)
Annemarie Hassett (Exec. Dir., NYU Law Engelberg Ctr.)

Edward Bailey
Jeffrey Butler
Margaret Diamond
Jordan Garner
Melvin Garner
Anthony Giaccio
John Lane
Anthony Lo Cicero
William McCabe
Kevin Murphy

The program had a live audience of approximately 200 people, it was also streamed to other locations. A video of the program was made available on the website of the Second Circuit.



On **December 6, 2016**, the Conner Inn hosted a holiday reception with the Denis McNerney NYCLA American Inn of Court.

On **January 18, 2017**, the Inn held the 9th Annual Conner Dinner at the Union League Club. During the dinner, the Conner Inn Excellence Award was presented to Hon. Dora Irizarry, Chief Judge Eastern District of New York, Hon. P. Kevin Castel Southern District of New York, and the Hon. Kathleen O'Malley, Circuit Judge of the Federal Circuit. The presentations were made by Hon. Richard Linn of the Federal Circuit.

On **February 16, 2017**, the Conner Inn held a Mentoring Program for Associate and Student Members. At the meeting, Judge Oetken and Judge Mauskopf provided advice and answered questions from young associates and law school students in the form of a fireside chat and reception. This program was a wonderful opportunity for students and associates to meet two U.S. District Court Judges in a casual yet informative atmosphere.

The Conner Inn's program of **February 28, 2017** was entitled "PTAB Decisions: How Much Estoppel Effect?" As amended in 2011, 35 U.S.C. § 315 includes a new subparagraph (e)(2) which provides in part: "The petitioner in an inter partes review of a claim in a patent under this chapter that results in a final written decision under section 318(a) . . . may not assert . . . that the claim is invalid on any ground that the petitioner raised or reasonably could have raised during that inter partes review" (emphasis added). The program was designed to illuminate how courts had so far held that the terms substantially limit § 315(e)(2)'s estoppel effect. The program was presented by the Conner Inn Counselor, Hon. Roslynn Mauskopf, Conner Inn President, Hon. J. Paul Oetken, as well as James W. Dabney, Robert Curcio, Richard M. Koehl, Rachel Lin and Lynn M. Russo.

On **March 14, 2017**, the Conner Inn's program was entitled "Quality or Quantity? Determining whether your exported component is infringing." The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Life Technology Corp. v. Promega Corp.* determined what constitutes infringement under 271(f) - i.e., whether exporting a component for assembly overseas into an infringing product matters. The program explores whether the issue is how many components or how essential? The program was presented by Judges Mauskopf and Oetken, Jeffrey Butler, Anne Elise Herold Li, Stuart Pollack, Amy Klann and Bernadette Lopez.

On **March 28, 2017**, the Conner Inn hosted the Linn Inn Alliance Reception prior to the New York Intellectual Property Association's Annual Dinner in Honor of the Federal Judiciary.

At the reception, the Alliance presented its Linn Inn Alliance 2017 Distinguished Service Medals to Conner Inn Executive Committee members John Lane and Melvin Garner.



A substantive program entitled “Closing arguments in *Rentmeester v. Nike, Inc.*” was held on **April 25, 2017**. The presentation featured mock closing arguments before a jury of high school students in a copyright infringement case, addressing whether the iconic Nike “Jumpman” logo featuring an image of Michael Jordan slam dunking a basketball was derived from a photograph taken by Jacobus Rentmeester for LIFE Magazine. The real case, *J. Restmeester v. Nike, Inc.*, CV 15-113, was dismissed at the pleadings stage in the U.S District Court for the District of Oregon, and at the time of the meeting was pending appeal before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The program was designed to illuminate copyright infringement issues in the sports photography and apparel industries. It was presented Judges Mauskopf and Oetken, as well as Jeffrey Butler, Linnea Cipriano, Patrice Jean, Joseph Loy and Tonia Sayour.

The Conner Inn hosted a cocktail reception **April 27, 2017**, following the Joint Patent Practice CLE (JPPCLE) program.

An IP Jeopardy program was held on **May 10, 2017**. This educational program challenged participants’ knowledge of Federal Circuit patent cases, New York judges, old school judges, post-grant proceedings, and legendary trademarks in the form of a game. Participants were presented with answers by the iconic Alex Trebeck, who now bears a striking resemblance to one of our Group six members and went by a different name. It was a fun and informative program.

The final program of the year was held on **July 26, 2017** and entitled, “*What is a “regular and established place of business” and did I waive venue by accident?*” Under the Supreme Court’s recent *T.C. Heartland v. Kraft Foods Group Brands LLC* decision, patent infringement actions can only be brought where a defendant is incorporated or has a “regular and established place of business.” The program addressed the following questions: Is this a new defense? Was it waived? What does a “regular and established place of business” mean anyway? The program was presented by Hon. J. Paul Oetken, Anne Elise Herold Li, Stuart Pollack, Gregory Manring and Brian McGrath.



Congratulations to The Conner Inn of Court Honorees

Hon. Pierre N. Leval

Hon. Jimmie V. Reyna

and the

**Distinguished Senior Judges
of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit,
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York**



THE LINN INN ALLIANCE OF IP-FOCUSED INNS OF COURT

The Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court, *Washington, DC*
The John C. Lifland American Inn of Court, *New Brunswick, NJ*
The San Francisco Bay Area Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, *Silicon Valley, CA*
The Benjamin Franklin American Inn of Court, *Philadelphia, PA*
The Judge Paul Brown American Inn of Court, *Sherman, TX*
The Richard Linn American Inn of Court, *Chicago, IL*
The Judge Paul R. Michel Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, *Los Angeles, CA*
The Hon. William C. Conner American Inn of Court, *New York, NY*
The Boston Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, *Boston, MA*
The Seattle Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, *Seattle, WA*
The Atlanta Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, *Atlanta, GA*
The Honorable Lee Yeakel Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, *Austin, TX*
The Intellectual Property and Innovation American Inn of Court, *Albany, NY*
The Colorado Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, *Denver, CO*
The Honorable Barbara M. G. Lynn American Inn of Court, *Dallas, TX*
The Pauline Newman IP American Inn of Court, *Alexandria, VA*
The Thomas Jefferson Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, *Richmond, VA*
The Q. Todd Dickinson American Inn of Court, *Pittsburgh, PA*
The Michigan Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, *Detroit, MI*
The Hon. Arthur J. Gajarsa American Inn of Court, *Concord, NH*
The Honorable Nancy F. Atlas Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, *Houston, TX*
The Tokyo IP American Inn of Court, *Tokyo, Japan*
The Howard T. Markey Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, *Irvine, CA*
The Honorable Jimmie V. Reyna Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, *Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN*
The Judge Janet Bond Arterton American Inn of Court, *New Haven, CT*
The David K. Winder Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, *Salt Lake City, UT*



Honored Guests in Attendance

SPECIAL GUESTS OF HONOR

Hon. Jimmie V. Reyna

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Hon. Pierre N. Leval

Senior Circuit Judge, *U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit*

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Hon. Joan Azrack, District Judge

Hon. Ann M. Donnelly, District Judge

Hon. Roslynn Mauskopf, District Judge

Hon. Sanket J. Bulsara, Magistrate Judge

Hon. Peggy Kuo, Magistrate Judge

Hon. Robert M. Levy, Magistrate Judge

Hon. Ramon E. Reyes, Magistrate Judge



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Hon. Sidney H. Stein, *Senior District Judge*
Hon. John G. Koeltl, *District Judge*
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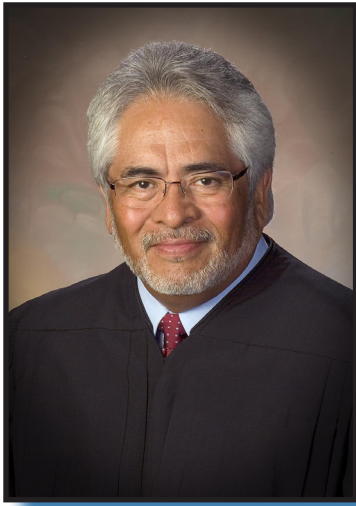
Hon. Pierre N. Leval

*Senior Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals
for the Second Circuit*

Pierre N. Leval is a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He is a graduate of Harvard College ('58), and Harvard Law School ('63), where he served as Note Editor of the Harvard Law Review. After clerking for Judge Henry J. Friendly of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in 1963-64, Judge Leval served for four years as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York, where he was Chief of Appeals. During 1969-74,

Judge Leval practiced, first as an associate, then a partner, at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, primarily in international finance and litigation. He then joined the District Attorney of New York County, serving as First Assistant and Chief Assistant. In 1977 he was appointed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, where he served until his appointment to the Circuit in 1993. Judge Leval has published and lectured on copyright, intellectual property and free speech issues. He is the recipient of the Learned Hand Medal of the Federal Bar Council ('97) and honorary doctorates of the Vermont Law School ('96) and the New York Law School ('02). He has delivered the Howard & Iris Kaplan Lecture at Hofstra Law School ('06); the James Madison Lecture at New York University School of Law ('05); the Horace S. Manges Lecture on Intellectual Property at the Columbia Law School ('03); the Alexander M. Bickel Distinguished Professorship Lecture in Communications Law at Hofstra Law School ('02); the Intellectual Property Lecture of the University of Connecticut Law School ('01); the Melville Nimmer Lecture at UCLA Law School ('97); the Fowler Harper Fellowship Lecture at Yale Law School ('92); the Donald C. Brace Memorial Lecture of the Copyright Society of the United States ('89); and the Hillman Memorial Fellowship Lecture at the University of Wisconsin ('88). Judge Leval has been an adjunct professor at the New York University School of Law and a member of the Council of the American Law Institute, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the New York County Lawyers Association and the Federal Bar Council.





Honoree

Hon. Jimmie V. Reyna

*Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals
for the Federal Circuit*

Jimmie V. Reyna was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit by President Barack Obama in 2011. Prior to his appointment, Judge Reyna was an international trade attorney and shareholder at Williams Mullen, where he directed the firm's Trade and Customs Practice Group (1998-2011), led its Latin America Task Force (2006-08), and served on its board of directors (2009-11). He was an associate and partner at the Washington law firm of Stewart and Stewart (1986-98). From 1981 to 1986, Judge Reyna was a solo practitioner in Albuquerque, New Mexico and, prior to that, an associate at Shaffer, Butt, Thornton & Baehr, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Judge Reyna was appointed and served on the U.S. roster of dispute settlement panelists for trade disputes under Chapter 19 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (1994-2011), and the U.S. Indicative List of Non-Governmental Panelists for the World Trade Organization, Dispute Settlement Mechanism, for disputes both in trade in goods and trade in services (1995-2011). Judge Reyna is the author of two books, *Passport to North American Trade: Rules of Origin and Customs Procedures Under the NAFTA* (Shepards 1995), and *The GATT Uruguay Round, A Negotiating History: Services, 1986-1992* (Kluwer 1993) and numerous articles on international trade and customs issues. He was the founder and senior co-editor of the *Hispanic National Bar Association Journal of Law and Policy*.

Judge Reyna has worked throughout his career towards the positive development of the U.S. legal profession. He served in various leadership positions in the ABA Section on International Law and the Section on Dispute Settlement. He was a founder and member of the board of directors of the U.S.-Mexico Law Institute. He has provided nearly two decades of leadership in the Hispanic National Bar Association, including serving as its National President (2006-07).

Judge Reyna has received numerous awards, including the Ohtli Award (the highest honor bestowed by the Mexican government on non-Mexican citizens), and has been recognized as among the nation's 100 most influential Latino leaders by the *Hispanic Business Magazine* (2011), the *Latino Leaders Magazine* (2011, 2012, 2015, 2016 and 2017), and the *Washington Business Journal* (2010). Judge Reyna is active in several educational and pro bono projects involving U.S. patent law. In 2015, the first intellectual property Inn of Court in Minnesota was founded, and it was named the Honorable Jimmie V. Reyna Intellectual Property American Inn of Court.





Hon. Gerard E. Lynch

*Senior Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals
for the Second Circuit*

Gerard E. Lynch is a United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, having been appointed to that post in 2009 by President Barack Obama. From 2000 through 2009, he was a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. At the time of his appointment in 2000, he was the Paul J. Kellner Professor of Law at Columbia University, and counsel to the law firm of Covington & Burling. In 2009, he received the Edward Weinfeld Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Administration of Justice from the New York County Lawyers' Association, and in 2016, he received the Learned Hand Medal for Excellence in Federal

Jurisprudence from the Federal Bar Council.

Judge Lynch, a graduate of Regis High School in New York, earned his B.A. from Columbia College and his J.D. from Columbia Law School. He was law clerk to Judge Wilfred Feinberg of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1975 to 1976, and then to Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. of the United States Supreme Court from 1976-1977.

Thereafter, Judge Lynch joined the faculty of Columbia Law School, where he has taught ever since, primarily in the areas of criminal law and criminal procedure, and where he served as Vice Dean from 1992-1997. He became a full Professor in 1986 and was named the first Kellner Professor in 1996. He has received both the Law School's student-voted Willis Reese Award and the University's Presidential Award for outstanding teaching, and in 2008 was awarded the Law School's Wien Prize for Social Responsibility.

Judge Lynch also has extensive experience as a criminal lawyer. From 1980 to 1983, he served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and from 1990 to 1992, he returned to that Office as Chief of the Criminal Division. He has also served as counsel to various commissions and special prosecutors investigating public corruption, including the Iran/Contra investigation. From 1992 to 2000, Judge Lynch was counsel to the New York law firm of Howard, Darby & Levin and to its successor firms, including Covington & Burling, practicing primarily white collar criminal defense.





Hon. Richard C. Wesley

*Senior Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals
for the Second Circuit*

Richard C. Wesley is a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. At the time of his appointment in 2003, he was a Judge of the New York Court of Appeals.

Judge Wesley received his B.A. degree summa cum laude from the State University of New York at Albany in 1971, and his J.D. degree from Cornell Law School in 1974.

Judge Wesley engaged in the private practice of law from the time of his admission to the New York Bar in 1975 until 1986. During three years of that period, 1979 until 1982, he also served as assistant counsel and chief legislative aide to New York Assembly Minority Leader James L. Emery. In 1982, Judge Wesley was himself elected to the Assembly - and was re-elected in 1984 - representing Livingston, Allegany and Ontario Counties.

In 1986, Judge Wesley was elected to a 14-year term as a Justice of the New York Supreme Court from the Seventh Judicial District. He served as Supervising Judge of that district's criminal courts from 1991 to 1994. In 1994 he was appointed by Governor Mario Cuomo to the Supreme Court Appellate Division, Fourth Department. In 1997, he was appointed a Judge of the New York Court of Appeals by Governor George Pataki, a position he held until joining the Federal judiciary.





Hon. Carol Bagley Amon

*Senior District Judge, United States District Court
for the Eastern District of New York*

Judge Carol Bagley Amon was appointed by President George H. W. Bush as United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York on August 7, 1990, and she entered into service on August 9, 1990. She served as the Chief Judge from 2011 to 2016. She received a B.S. degree from the College of William and Mary in 1968 and a J.D. degree from the University of Virginia in 1971. Judge Amon received an honorary J.D. from Brooklyn Law School in 2012.

After graduation from law school, Judge Amon worked as a staff attorney in the Office of the General Counsel of the Communications Satellite Corporation in Washington, D.C. She joined the United States Department of Justice in 1973, and from 1974 to 1986, was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of New York, where she served as Chief of Frauds, Chief of General Crimes, and Senior Litigation Counsel. From 1986 until her appointment to the district court, Judge Amon held the position of United States Magistrate for the Eastern District of New York.

In 1983, Judge Amon was awarded the John Marshall Award for Outstanding Legal Achievement by the Attorney General of the United States. In 2013, she received the New York State Bar Association's Haig Award for Distinguished Public Service from the Commercial Federal Litigation Section. In 2014, she received the Edward Weinfeld Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Administration of Justice from the New York County Lawyers' Association. In 2015, Judge Amon was the co-recipient of the Federal Bar Council's Emory Buckner Medal, awarded for outstanding public service.

Judge Amon served as Chairman of the Codes of Conduct Committee of the Judicial Conference (1998-2001) and was a member of the Judicial Conference (2011-2013). She was an Advisor to the ABA Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct (2003-2006). Judge Amon served as Federal Bar Council American Inn of Court President (2007-2008). She was an Adjunct Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School teaching a seminar on federal sentencing (2009-2010).





Hon. Eric N. Vitaliano

*Senior District Judge, United States District Court
for the Eastern District of New York*

Eric N. Vitaliano was born in the West New Brighton section of Staten Island, New York on February 27, 1948. He attended Public School 19 and Saint Peter's Boys High School, in Staten Island, and Fordham College, in the Bronx.

Mr. Vitaliano continued his education at New York University School of Law, in Manhattan, graduating with a J.D. degree, cum laude. He was awarded Order of the Coif (National Legal Honor Society) and the John Norton Pomeroy Scholarship. He also was a member of the Law Review, serving on the Executive Board as Research Editor.

Upon graduation, he joined the staff of U.S. District Court Judge Mark A. Costantino as a law clerk. From August 1972 to November 1979, he was an attorney for Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, in New York. In 1979, Mr. Vitaliano became Chief of Staff for Congressman John M. Murphy.

Mr. Vitaliano was first elected to the New York State Assembly in 1982 and then reelected to nine consecutive two-year terms. On Mr. Vitaliano's career in the New York State Assembly, the *Staten Island Advance* editorialized in 2005:

"He was known during his years in the Legislature as a lawmaker of the highest calibre, one who understood the legislative process intuitively and used his considerable intellect and expertise to steer legislation through to passage.

He was widely admired for his ability to craft solid legislation, not for show, but for the good of the people of his district, the city and the state."

Assemblyman Vitaliano authored more than three hundred state laws, including those closing the Fresh Kills Landfill, creating bridge toll discounts, authorizing implementation of the EZ Pass system, banning school bus standees and mandating annual cost of living adjustments for public employee pensions.

His community awards include: Outstanding Young Man of America by U.S. Jaycees (1977); Outstanding Citizen, The American Legion, Richmond County (1994); the New York State Catholic Conference Public Policy Award "for courageous public service in pursuit of the common good" (1998).

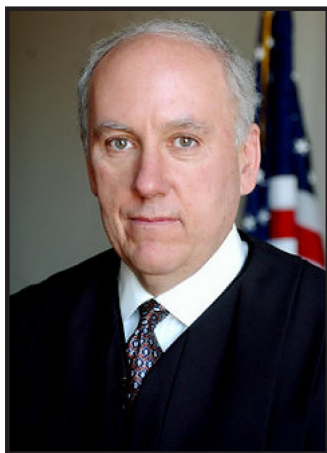
In November 2001, Mr. Vitaliano was elected Judge of the Civil Court of the City of New York. The Chief Administrative Judge of New York State appointed Judge Vitaliano an Acting Justice of the New York State Supreme Court in 2004 and assigned him to Richmond County Supreme Court, Civil Term. Judge Vitaliano sat in that court until February 2006. He was also a member of the New York State Unified Court System's Committee on Legislation throughout his years of service on the state bench.

At the request of Senator Charles E. Schumer, in October 2005 President George W. Bush nominated Judge Vitaliano to fill a vacancy on the bench of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. On December 21, 2005, his nomination was confirmed by the United States Senate. Eric Nicholas Vitaliano entered into service as a United States District Judge on February 8, 2006. Judge Vitaliano is only the second Staten Island resident to attain that position. The first was the late Judge Mark A. Costantino for whom Judge Vitaliano served as an original law clerk.

Judge Vitaliano is married to the former Helen M. Fleming of New Brighton, Staten Island. They have four children and reside in Dongan Hills, Staten Island.



Senior Judges of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York



Hon. P. Kevin Castel

*Senior District Judge, United States District Court
for the Southern District of New York*

P. Kevin Castel entered service as a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on November 4, 2003.

Judge Castel has been a member of the Court's Patent Pilot Project since its inception and has presided over numerous patent cases. Among them was *U.S. Phillips Corp v. Iwasaki Electric Co.*, alleging infringement of certain patents related to super high-pressure mercury vapor discharge lamps and associated devices, and *Rentrop v. Spectranetics Corp.*, alleging infringement of a patent disclosing a type of excimer laser catheter for use in human angioplasty. Both cases were tried to verdict before juries; the *Phillips* appeal was dismissed by agreement and the *Rentrop* judgment was affirmed by the

Federal Circuit. He also decided at the summary judgment stage *Wireless Ink v. Facebook*, alleging infringement of patents disclosing methods and systems which allow users without web programming skills to create mobile web sites with personally-authored content for display on mobile devices. *Wireless Ink* was affirmed by the Federal Circuit.

Prior to the bench, Judge Castel practiced in the field of commercial litigation, including securities, antitrust, employment and products liability law. He was a partner in the firm of Cahill Gordon & Reindel for twenty years, including as co-administrative partner, and was listed in Best Lawyers in America (2001-2002) and the Chambers Directories (Global 2003) and (U.S. 2003-04). He received his B.S. and J.D. degrees from St. John's University, where he was articles editor of the law review. He served as law clerk to the Hon. Kevin T. Duffy, U.S.D.J.

He serves as Chair of the Court's Grievance Committee, its lawyer-disciplinary body. While in private practice, he served for twelve years as a Court-appointed member of the Departmental Disciplinary Committee for the First Judicial Department. He also served on City Bar's Committee on Professional and Judicial Ethics. He has taught as an adjunct professor in the field of Professional Responsibility at NYU School of Law and is a member of the American Law Institute.

Judge Castel is former President of the Federal Bar Council. He also is a former Chair of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association.

He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society and serves on the Board of Managers of the Havens Relief Fund Society. He served as President of the St. John's Law Alumni Association. St. John's has conferred upon him the President's Medal and an honorary Doctor of Laws. He received the Robert L. Haig Award from the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association, the John E. Sprizzo Award from the Manhattan Chapter of the St. John's Law Alumni, the Excellence Award from the William C. Conner Inn of Court and the Edward Weinfeld Award from the Federal Courts Committee of New York County Lawyers.





Hon. Loretta A. Preska

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Judge Preska was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on August 12, 1992 and entered duty on September 18, 1992. She served as Chief Judge from June 1, 2009 to the May 31, 2016. Judge Preska received a B.A. from the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York in 1970, a J.D. from Fordham University School of Law in 1973, and an LL.M. in Trade Regulation from New York University Law School in 1978. Following graduation from Fordham, Judge Preska was an associate at Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP and an associate and, beginning in January 1983, a partner at Hertzog, Calamari & Gleason until her induction as a United States District Judge in September 1992.



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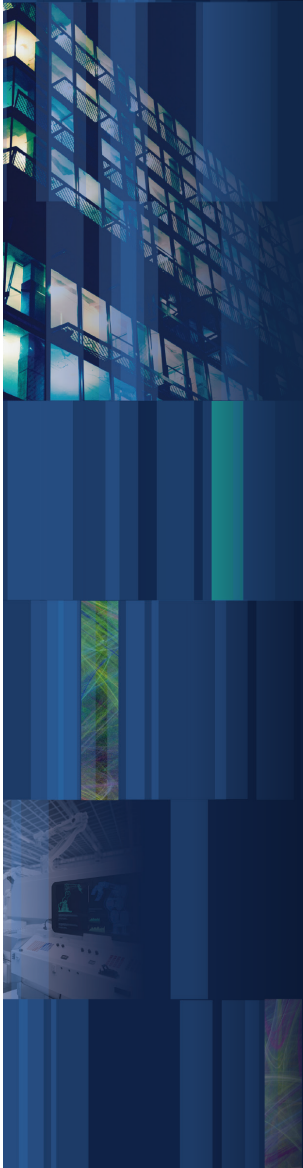
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