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Ronnie Abrams

Born:

1968
New York, NY

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Ronnie Abrams was nominated to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on July 28, 2011 and entered on duty on March 22, 2012. Judge Abrams received a B.A. from Cornell University in 1990 and a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1993. Upon graduation, she served as a law clerk for the Honorable Thomas P. Griesa of the Southern District of New York.

From 2008 until the time of her appointment, Judge Abrams served as Special Counsel for Pro Bono at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP; she previously worked as a litigation associate at Davis Polk from 1994 to 1998. Judge Abrams served in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York from 1998 to 2008, holding the positions of Chief of the General Crimes Unit from 2005 to 2007 and Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division from 2007 to 2008. While at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Judge Abrams received several awards and commendations for her work, including the Department of Justice Director's Award for Superior Performance as a Federal Prosecutor.

Judge Abrams was an Adjunct Professor at Columbia Law School from 2008 to 2012. She presently serves on the Public Service Committee of the Federal Bar Council and the New York City Bar Association's Council on the Profession and has previously and has served on the City Bar's Pro Bono and Legal Services and Government Ethics Committees. She has also served as Counsel to the New York State Justice Task Force, one of the first permanent task forces to address wrongful convictions in the United States. In 2012, she received the New York State Bar Association President's Pro Bono Service Award for her Justice Task Force work.