



225th Anniversary
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Harold Baer, Jr.

Born:

February 16, 1933
New York, NY

Received Commission:

August 10, 1994

Died:

May 27, 2014

Judge Baer was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York in September 1994 and immediately undertook his duties. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree, Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude, from Hobart College in Geneva, N.Y. in 1954 and an LL.B. from Yale Law School in 1957. Following his graduation from Yale, Judge Baer had a variety of jobs in the public arena. He served as Assistant Counsel to New York State Commission on Government Operations of the City of New York, Assistant Counsel to the New York State Commission of Investigation and Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1961-67. When he left he was Chief of the Special Prosecutions Unit. He was the first Executive Director of the new Civilian Complaint Review Board, and returned to the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York in 1970 as First Assistant United States Attorney and Chief of Criminal Division. During 1968-1970, as well as the decade between 1972-82, Judge Baer was in private practice. He was an associate and later the partner in charge of litigation at Guggenheimer & Untermeyer and specialized in white collar crime defense work and criminal litigation.

In 1982, Judge Baer was elected a New York State Supreme Court Justice. He resigned that position in 1992 to become the Executive Judicial Officer of J.A.M.S./Endispute, a private alternative dispute resolution firm, where he remained until his appointment to the federal bench.

His outside activities included having been a member and chair of a variety of committees in the New York State Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He was President of the New York Country Lawyer's Association 1979-81 and founded the Network of Bar Leaders and was its first President in 1982.