



225th Anniversary
1789-2014



Alexander Bicks

Born:

March 17, 1901
Russia

Received Commission:

May 12, 1954

Died:

May 9, 1963
New York, NY

Alexander Bicks, born in Russia, came to the United States as an infant. He attended New York University, School of Law, graduating in 1922, and then practiced corporate and real estate law before his appointment to the bench.

Judge Bicks served as a judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York from 1954 until his death in 1963. He presided over the conspiracy trial of the so-called "second-string" leaders of the Communist Party of the U.S. and, following the defendants' convictions, sentenced them in 1956 to prison terms in 1956. He also presided over the narcotics trial that sent Vito Genovese and more than a dozen other racketeers to prison.

Judge Bicks was an active member of New York's Central Synagogue and in Jewish philanthropy, including as a benefactor of the Home and Hospital of the Daughters of Israel.

Sources:

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