



225th Anniversary
1789-2014



Charles L. Briant, Jr.

Born:

March 13, 1923
Ossining, NY

Received Commission:

July 29, 1971

Died:

July 20, 2008

Judge Briant was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on July 29, 1971 and entered on duty September 8, 1971, serving as Chief Judge from October 1, 1986 to March 12, 1993. He received a B.A. from Columbia University in 1947 and an LL.B. degree from Columbia Law School in 1949. He served on the Judicial Conference of the United States 1989-95 and on its Executive Committee 1991-95. Whimsically, his letterhead referred to the "Mother Court," a reference to the Court's status as the first to sit under the new constitution.

Judge Briant was a Westchester County legislator from 1970 to 1971. He was assistant counsel, New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Fire Insurance in 1965, and Special Assistant District Attorney of Westchester County from 1958 to 1959. He was Village Attorney for Briarcliff Manor, New York, from 1958 to 1959; Town Supervisor, Ossining, New York, from 1960 to 1963; Town Justice from 1952 to 1958; and Water Commissioner from 1948 to 1951. He served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1946.

Judge Briant was a member of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, Federal Bar Council, Westchester County Bar Association and the Ossining Bar Association.

Future S.D.N.Y. Judge Shira Scheindlin served as his law clerk.
