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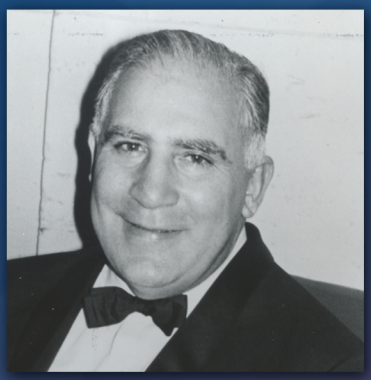

John M. Cannella

Born:
February 8, 1908
New York, NY

Received Commission:
July 3, 1963

Died:
October 30, 1996

Judge Cannella was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on July 3, 1963, and entered on duty July 12, 1963. He received a B.S. degree from Fordham University in 1930 and an LL.B. degree from Fordham Law School in 1933.

He was born the son of a shoemaker and was a star offensive lineman for Fordham University, a nationally ranked team. He played for the New York Giants while in law school.

Judge Cannella was an Associate Justice of the Court of Special Sessions of the City of New York from 1949 to 1963, serving in the City Court, New York County, Court of General Sessions, Criminal Court, and the City Court, Bronx County. He was Commissioner of the License Department of the City of New York from 1948 to 1949 and Commissioner of Water, Gas, and Electricity from 1946 to 1948. He was United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1940 to 1942 and served in the United States Coast Guard from 1942 to 1945.

Judge Cannella was a member of the Federal Bar Association, Catholic Lawyers Guild and the Columbia Lawyers Association.

Future S.D.N.Y. Judge Vincent L. Briccetti served as his law clerk.