



225th Anniversary
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Valerie Caproni

Born:

1955

Lee County, AL

Received Commission:

December 2, 2013

Valerie Caproni became a United States District Court Judge in the Southern District of New York on January 6, 2014.

Prior to becoming a District Court Judge, Ms. Caproni held a wide variety of positions in the private and public sectors. She began her legal career in Atlanta, Georgia, clerking for the Hon. Phyllis Kravitch, Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Following her clerkship, she moved to New York to become a litigation associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore. She left Cravath to become an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, where she prosecuted a wide variety of cases. In 1989, Judge Caproni left the U.S. Attorney's Office to serve as General Counsel and Senior Vice President of the New York State Urban Development Corp. At UDC, she participated in the redevelopment of Times Square, among other large development projects in New York City and throughout New York State.

In 1992, Judge Caproni returned to the U.S. Attorney's Office, where she was tapped to serve in a number of leadership positions, ultimately serving for several years as the Chief of the Criminal Division. While in the U.S. Attorney's Office, she received the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service. In 1998, she left the U.S. Attorney's Office to become the Regional Director of the Pacific Regional Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission in Los Angeles. In 2001, she returned to private practice in New York at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, where her practice focused on white collar criminal defense and securities enforcement. In 2003, she became General Counsel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a position she held for eight years. In 2011, Judge Caproni became Deputy General Counsel (Litigation and Investigations) and Vice President of Northrop Grumman Corp. in Falls Church, VA.

Judge Caproni graduated from Newcomb College of Tulane University with a B.A., magna cum laude, in 1976 and received her J.D., summa cum laude, from University of Georgia School of Law in 1979. At University of Georgia she served as Research Editor for the Georgia Law Review.