



225th Anniversary
1789-2014



Richard Conway Casey

Born:

January 19, 1933
Ithaca, NY

Received Commission:

October 24, 1997

Died:

March 22, 2007

Judge Casey was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on October 24, 1997 and entered on duty on November 10, 1997. He received a B.S. degree from the College of the Holy Cross in 1955 and an LL.B. degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1958. He served in the United States Army in 1958 and again from 1961 to 1962.

Judge Casey served as an Assistant United States Attorney, Criminal Division, Southern District of New York, from 1959 to 1963. During his tenure in the United States Attorney's Office he also served as Chief of the Internal Security Unit from 1960 to 1963. From 1963 to 1964 he served as Counsel to the Special Commission for the State of New York charged with investigating public corruption. In 1964, he became associated with the New York law firm of Brown & Wood (then known as Brown, Wood, Fully, Caldwell & Ivey), and became a member of that firm in 1970 where he remained until his entry on duty in November 1997.

Judge Casey was a member of the Southern District of New York Trial and Appellate Panel established under the Federal Criminal Justice Act from 1964 to 1984 and chairman of the American Bar Association Committee on Securities Litigation from 1975 to 1977.

Judge Casey had been totally blind for a decade before becoming a judge of the District Court. He was assisted by a guide dog and devices that read documents aloud. He was the nation's first blind federal judge.
