



225th Anniversary
1789-2014



P. Kevin Castel

Born:

1950

Jamaica, New York

Received Commission:

September 22, 2003

P. Kevin Castel entered service as a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on November 4, 2003.

He received his B.S. and J.D. degrees from St. John's University. In law school, he was a St. Thomas More Scholar and Articles Editor of the Law Review. Judge Castel served as law clerk to the Honorable Kevin Thomas Duffy, United States District Judge of this District. Following the clerkship, he became associated with the firm of Cahill Gordon & Reindel and was a partner of that firm for twenty years, practicing in the field of commercial litigation.

Judge Castel is former President of the Federal Bar Council. He also is a former Chair of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association and a former President of the St. John's Law Alumni Association.

Presently, Judge Castel serves as Chair of the Court's Grievance Committee, its lawyer disciplinary body. He also teaches as an adjunct professor in the field of Professional Responsibility at NYU School of Law and is a member of the American Law Institute. While in private practice, he served for twelve years as a Court-appointed member of the Departmental Disciplinary Committee for the First Judicial Department. For nine years, he served as a volunteer mediator in the District's court-annexed mediation program.

He is a member of the Board of Managers of the Havens Fund Relief Society and a former member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society. St. John's University has conferred the President's Medal (2000) and an honorary Doctor of Laws (2004). He received the Robert L. Haig Award from the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association (2008) and the John E. Sprizzo Award from the Manhattan Chapter of the St. John's Law Alumni (2013). Together with Judge Deborah A. Batts, he is Co-Chairing the celebration of the Court's 225th Anniversary.