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Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum

Born:
1929
New York, NY

Received Commission:
March 4, 1986

Judge Cedarbaum was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on March 4, 1986 and entered on duty March 27, 1986. On April 1, 1998, she became a senior judge. She received a B.A. degree from Barnard College in 1950, and an LL.B. degree in 1953 from Columbia Law School where she was a James Kent Scholar, a member of the Board of Revising Editors of the Columbia Law Review, and a recipient of the Jane Marx Murphy Prize. On May 14, 1991, she received The Medal of Distinction of Barnard College. On November 9, 2010, she received the Medal of Honor of the Riot Relief Fund. On March 26, 2012, she received the Myra Bradwell Distinguished Alumna Award of the Columbia Law Women's Association.

Judge Cedarbaum was a law clerk to Judge Edward Jordan Dimock, Southern District of New York, 1953 to 1954; Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, 1954 to 1957; Attorney, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., 1958 to 1959; part-time legal consultant to law firms in litigation matters, 1959 to 1962; First Assistant Counsel, New York State Moreland Commission on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, 1963 to 1964; Associate Counsel, the Museum of Modern Art, New York City, 1965 to 1979; and an Associate and then Senior Attorney at the firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell, 1979 to 1986.

Judge Cedarbaum served as Acting Village Justice of the Village of Scarsdale, New York, from 1978 to 1982, and as Village Justice from 1982 to 1986. She was a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on Defender Services from 1993 to 1999. Judge Cedarbaum is a Trustee Emerita of Barnard College and a Member Emerita of the Board of Visitors of Columbia Law School. She served as Chairman for the 2003 and 2004 New York State Selection Committee for the Rhodes Scholarship.

She is a member of The American Law Institute, the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Council and the American Judicature Society. She has served on Committees of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and the Copyright Society of the U.S.A.