



225th Anniversary
1789-2014



John William Clancy

Born:

February 24, 1899
New York, NY

Received Commission:

June 22, 1936

Died:

March 2, 1969
New York, NY

John William Clancy was born and raised in New York City. He attended St. Gabriel's School, Fordham Preparatory School, and Fordham College, from which he graduated with honors in 1909. He taught Latin and mathematics at Fordham Preparatory School, and graduated from Fordham Law School in 1912.

Judge Clancy maintained a private practice from 1912 until his appointment to the SDNY in 1936. A notable order that Judge Clancy issued early in his time on the bench, was his 1936 order to Federal marshals to go out into the streets and hail pedestrians into the Federal building for jury duty. It was the first such order issued in New York in 20 years. The problem was finding 12 jurors for a lottery case who had never purchased lottery tickets.

Another notable case in which Judge Clancy was involved, was that of the 1956 collision of the passenger liners *Andrea Doria* and the *Stockholm*. Judge Clancy signed the decree settling the litigation in 1959, one of the quickest settlements in comparable cases.

Sources:

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