



225th Anniversary
1789-2014



Edward A. Conger

Born:

January 7, 1882
Poughkeepsie, NY

Received Commission:

June 24, 1938

Died:

August 7, 1963
Poughkeepsie, NY

Edward Conger received his early education at St. Mary's Parochial School, and graduated from Poughkeepsie High School in 1900. He was admitted to the bar in June 1904. He also read law in the office of Frank B. Lown.

Judge Conger served as Assistant District Attorney of Dutchess County under John E. Mack from 1908 – 1913, and then succeeded Mr. Mack as District Attorney from 1913 to 1915. He served as a Poughkeepsie City Court Judge from 1915 – 1919. His association with John E. Mack continued (1919 – 1938) when the two were law partners. Mr. Mack was also acquainted with Franklin D. Roosevelt, and placed the latter's name in nomination at the 1932 and 1936 Democratic Conventions. Presumably it was this connection that brought Conger to the President's attention and led to Judge Conger's appointment to the SDNY.

Judge Conger's caseload included the reorganization of the Childs Restaurant chain; the protracted bankruptcy proceedings of the New York, Ontario & Western Railroad; prosecutions of Communists under the Smith Act, and the sentencing of several notorious swindlers.

Sources:

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