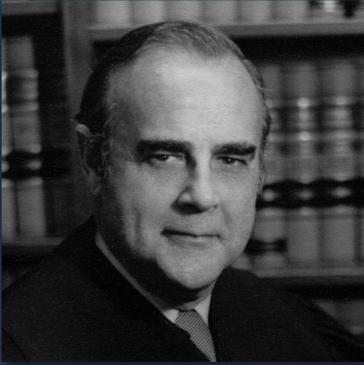




225th Anniversary
1789-2014



William C. Conner

Born:

March 27, 1920
Wichita Falls, TX

Received Commission:

December 19, 1973

Died:

July 9, 2009

Judge Conner was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on December 19, 1973 and entered on duty January 4, 1974. He took senior judge status on April 1, 1987. He was a graduate of the University of Texas, receiving a B.B.A. degree in 1941 and an LL.B. degree in 1942. He was an editor of the Texas Law Review and was awarded a McKie Scholarship. He served as a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1946.

In 1975, Judge Conner was awarded the Jefferson Medal for "outstanding contributions" to the development of U.S. patent law. He was a member of the Board of Editors of the Manual for Complex Litigation and participated in production of the Second through Fifth Editions of the Manual and of the Manual Second. Judge Conner was a member of the American Judicature Society and a member and past president of the New York Intellectual Property Law Association. In 2000, the NYIPLA established annual cash prizes for the best legal articles in the field of intellectual property and named it the William C. Conner Writing Competition. Judge Conner awards the prizes to the winners at the Annual Meeting of the NYIPLA in May. In 2003, he was awarded that Association's first Outstanding Public Service Award. In 2008, the NYIPLA established an Inn of Court and named it the Honorable William C. Conner Inn of Court.
