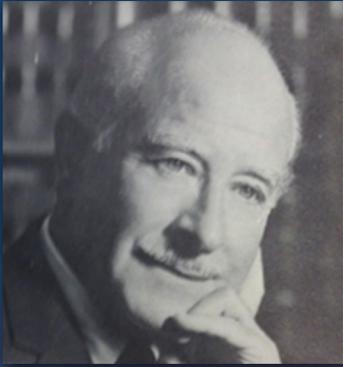




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1789-2014



Irving Ben Cooper

Born:

February 7, 1902
London, England

Received Commission:

September 28, 1962

Died:

September 17, 1996

Judge Cooper received a recess appointment as United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on October 5, 1961 and entered on duty October 11, 1961. He received a permanent appointment on September 28, 1962 and entered on duty October 4, 1962. He took senior judge status on February 7, 1972. Judge Cooper attended the Universities of Colorado and Missouri and received an LL.B. degree from Washington University School of Law in 1925.

Judge Cooper was Chief Justice of the Court of Special Sessions of the City of New York from 1951 to 1960; Associate Justice, Court of Special Sessions, from 1939 to 1951; Magistrate of the City of New York from 1938 to 1939; and special counsel to the Department of Investigation of the City of New York from 1934 to 1937. He was counsel to the United States Senate Committee on Banking and Currency in 1933; associate counsel with the Seabury Investigation into corruption in New York City governmental offices from 1931 to 1932; associate counsel with the New York City Magistrates Court Investigation from 1930 to 1931. He participated actively in disciplinary proceedings against attorneys on petition of the bar associations in New York City from 1928 to 1930.

Judge Cooper was honorary president of the University Settlement, New York City; and was a past chairman and present member of the Criminal Courts Section of the Council of Judges of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. He was a member of the New York County Lawyers Association, American Judicature Society, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Judge Cooper presided over the litigation between photographer Ron Galella and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis in which Mrs. Onassis was represented by former S.D.N.Y. Judge Simon Rifkind and future S.D.N.Y. Judge Lewis Kaplan.