



225th Anniversary
1789-2014



Alfred Conkling Coxe, Jr.

Born:

May 7, 1880
Utica, NY

Received Commission:

May 1, 1929

Died:

December 21, 1957
Old Lyme, CT

Alfred Conkling Coxe, Jr. came from a family of federal judges. His great-grandfather was a Federal Judge appointed by President John Quincy Adams, and his father served on both the District Court for the Northern District of New York, and the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Judge Coxe earned an A.B. from Yale University in 1901. Thereafter, he attended Cornell Law School (1901-1903) and completed his legal training in a law office in Utica, N.Y. After being admitted to the bar, he continued in private practice, first in Utica (1903-1905), and then in New York City (1905-1929).

During his time on the SDNY, Judge Coxe was noted for his dry sense of humor. He often injected humor into arguments between opposing attorneys, thereby relieving courtroom tension. He presided at several notable trials and proceedings including that of Earl Browder, former head of the Communist Party in the United States, for mail fraud. Judge Coxe presided at many bankruptcy proceedings, and in 1942 approved a plan for reorganization of McKesson & Robbins, a large drug and liquor company.

Sources:

Biographical Directory of Federal Judges, available at <http://www.fjc.gov/>

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"Alfred C. Coxe, 77, Ex-Judge, is Dead", New York Times, December 22, 1957.