



225th Anniversary
1789-2014



Richard J. Daronco

Born:

August 1, 1931
New York, NY

Received Commission:

May 7, 1987

Died:

May 21, 1988

Judge Daronco was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on May 7, 1987. He received a B.A. degree from Providence College in 1953 and an LL.B. degree from Albany Law School, Union University, in 1956.

He served in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958 and then practiced law in White Plains, New York, from 1959 to 1971 as a partner of King, Edwards & O'Connor. In addition, he served as Town Attorney for the Town of Pelham, 1966-1971, and Counsel to the New York State Legislative Committee of Commerce, Industry and Economic Development, 1969-1970.

In 1971, Judge Daronco became a Family Court Judge. From 1974 to 1978, he served as a County Court Judge. In 1978, he was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court for the Ninth Judicial District, a position he held until his appointment to the federal bench. In addition, from 1983 to 1985, he was New York State Deputy Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts Outside New York City, and in 1985 he was appointed Supervising Judge of the Criminal Parts of the Ninth Judicial District.

Judge Daronco was a member of the American Justinian Society of Jurists and the New York State and Westchester County Bar Associations. He was an adjunct professor at Fordham University Law School and Pace University Law School.

Two days after issuing a written decision in an employment discrimination case, Judge Daronco was murdered by the father of the unsuccessful plaintiff in the case while doing yard work at his home. Judge Daronco had five children. The Westchester County Courthouse in White Plains is named in his honor.