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## Kevin Thomas Duffy

**Born:**

1933  
New York, NY

**Received Commission:**

October 17, 1972

The Honorable Kevin Thomas Duffy was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on October 17, 1972 and began serving on November 28, 1972. He received an A.B. from Fordham College in 1954 and an LL.B. from Fordham Law School in 1958.

Judge Duffy served as the New York Regional Administrator of the Securities & Exchange Commission from 1969 to 1972, Assistant Chief of the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York from 1959 to 1961, and Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1958 to 1959. Judge Duffy clerked on the Second Circuit for the Honorable J. Edward Lumbard from 1955 to 1958. Judge Duffy was in private practice from 1961 to 1969.

Judge Duffy is a member of the New York City Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, Westchester County Bar Association, and Federal Bar Council. He has been a trustee or an officer of the Fordham Law Alumni Association since 1969.

In 1984, he received the Fordham Alumni Gold Medal for Excellence in the Law. In 1994, he received the Distinguished Public Service Award from the New York County Lawyers' Association. In 1995, Judge Duffy received the William O. Douglas Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Association of Securities & Exchange Commission Alumni. In 1998, Judge Duffy was recognized by the Respect for Law Alliance and the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation for presiding over the trials of the World Trade Center bombers. In the spring of 1999, Judge Duffy was honored by the Fordham Law Gavel & Shield Association with its first annual Thomas F. Murphy Award. In 2003, the Federal Bar Council honored Judge Duffy with its Emory Buckner Award for outstanding public service. Most recently, in June 2012, the Manhattan chapter of the St. John's University School of Law Alumni Association presented Judge Duffy with the John E. Sprizzo Award.

Judge Duffy presided at the trial of the alleged head of the Gambino crime family, Paul Castellano, who was murdered during the trial; the trial continued as to all other defendants. He presided at the trial of those accused of the 1983 bombing of the World Trade Center and the trial of Ramzi Yousef, the alleged mastermind of the Bojinka plot (the Manila Bombing Conspiracy).

Future S.D.N.Y. Judge P. Kevin Castel served as his law clerk.