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1789-2014



## David Norton Edelstein

**Born:**

February 16, 1910  
New York, NY

**Received Commission:**

April 8, 1952

**Died:**

August 19, 2000

Judge Edelstein received a recess appointment as United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on November 1, 1951 and entered on duty November 14, 1951. He received a permanent appointment on April 8, 1952 and entered on duty April 9, 1952. He served as Chief Judge from 1971 to 1980. He received B.S., M.A., and LL.B. degrees from Fordham University.

Judge Edelstein was an attorney in the Department of Justice in 1944; Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1945 to 1947; United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1945 to 1947; a special assistant to the Attorney General, Department of Justice, from 1947 to 1948, and Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice from 1948 to 1951. He assisted the President's Temporary Commission on Employee Loyalty and was chairman in preparation of its report in 1946, and was a member of the Legislative Committee for the Attorney General's Conference on Crime in 1950.

Judge Edelstein was a former elected member of the Judicial Conference of the United States and former member of the Planning and Program Committee of the Second Circuit Judicial Conference.

Judge Edelstein presided over government enforcement actions against International Business Machines and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Having served 48 years, 9 months, he is the longest sitting judge of the Southern District of New York.