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1789-2014



## Louis J. Freeh

**Born:**

1950

Jersey City, NJ

**Received Commission:**

May 30, 1991

Service terminated on August 31, 1993, upon appointment as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Judge Louis J. Freeh was appointed July 23, 1992, to the Southern District of New York. The Deputy United States Attorney and the Associate United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York since January 1989, he is the first person appointed to the federal bench directly from that office since then-United States attorney J. Edward Lumbard was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1955. Judge Freeh is a 1971 graduate of Rutgers College and a 1974 graduate of Rutgers School of Law. He also received an LL.M. in criminal law from New York University School of Law in 1975.

Judge Freeh's legal career has been devoted entirely to public service. From 1974 to 1975 he was on the staff of Senator Clifford P. Case of New Jersey. From that time until 1980 he was a special agent with the FBI, and during 1980 he was a supervisory FBI agent in Washington D.C. headquarters. He became an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District in 1981, serving in the Organized Crime Unit beginning in 1982 and becoming chief of that unit in 1987.

Louis J. Freeh was named in May 1990 to coordinate the Department of Justice investigation into the bombing death of Fifth Circuit Judge Robert Vance, and related bombing at about the same time. The investigation led to the indictment, prosecution, and trial of Walter Leroy Moody, completed shortly before Mr. Freeh entered on duty as a United States District Judge.

Judge Freeh left the Court upon his appointment by President Clinton to become the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a position he held for nearly eight years.