



225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1789-2014



## Lee Parsons Gagliardi

**Born:**

: July 17, 1918  
Larchmont, NY

**Received Commission:**

December 15, 1971

**Died:**

October 30, 1998

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Judge Gagliardi was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on December 15, 1971 and entered on duty January 21, 1972. He was a graduate of Williams College, receiving an A.B. degree in 1941, and Columbia Law School, receiving an LL.B. degree in 1947. He served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1945.

Judge Gagliardi was a member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Council, the New York State Bar Association, and the Westchester Bar Association.

Judge Gagliardi presided over the Watergate-era trial of former U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell and former U.S. Secretary of Commerce Maurice Stans. The most serious charge was that the two had impeded the SEC's investigation of fugitive financier Robert L. Vesco. The trial lasted ten weeks and resulted in acquittals of both defendants. Future S.D.N.Y. Judge John E. Sprizzo was one of the trial lawyers for Mitchell.

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