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Paul G. Gardephe

Born:

1957
Fitchburg, MA

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Paul G. Gardephe was appointed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York by President George W. Bush on March 11, 2008, and his appointment was confirmed by the Senate on July 17, 2008.

Born in 1957 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, Judge Gardephe received his B.A. and M.A. in English, magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa in 1979 from the University of Pennsylvania and his J.D. in 1982 from the Columbia University School of Law, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and Articles Editor of the Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems. Following his graduation from law school, he clerked for Judge Albert J. Engel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

After three years as a litigation associate at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler, Judge Gardephe joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, Criminal Division, in 1987, serving as Chief Appellate Attorney from 1992 to 1995. From 1995 to 1997, and from 2001 to 2003, Judge Gardephe served as Special Counsel to the Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Justice. There, on behalf of the Attorney General and the House and Senate Intelligence Committees, he led DOJ reviews of the FBI's performance in detecting the espionage of CIA officer Aldrich Ames and FBI Special Agent Robert Hanssen.

In 1996, Judge Gardephe joined the Law Department of Time Inc., where he served as Vice President and Deputy General Counsel and was responsible for the company's litigation.

In 2003, Judge Gardephe returned to Patterson Belknap to head the firm's White Collar Defense and Investigations group. He became the chair of the Litigation Department in 2007. In 2007 and 2008, as counsel to the Associated Press, Judge Gardephe traveled to Iraq on multiple occasions on behalf of a Pulitzer Prize-winning AP photographer who had been incarcerated by the U.S. military. Judge Gardephe obtained the photographer's release in April 2008. In October of 2007, Judge Gardephe argued a case involving the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Gardephe has taught trial advocacy at New York Law School since 1993. He also teaches a class at Fordham Law School concerning parallel civil-criminal proceedings, and is an instructor-in-law at Columbia Law School.