



225th Anniversary
1789-2014



Murray Hulbert

Born:

May 14, 1881
Rochester, NY

Received Commission:

June 15, 1934

Died:

April 26, 1950
Bayport, NY

George Murray Hulbert led an active and varied life in local politics, fraternal affairs, and amateur athletics before he was appointed to the S.D.N.Y. He dropped the use of his first name before he entered politics.

After receiving his early education in Waterloo, NY, Judge Hulbert moved to New York City in 1897 and worked his way through New York Law School. He received his law degree in 1902 and was admitted to the bar the same year. From that time until his appointment to the Federal court, despite various interruptions for other pursuits, Judge Hulbert maintained a private practice in New York City.

Murray Hulbert entered politics early on in his career and served as a U.S. Representative from New York 1915-1918. He obtained large appropriations for the development of New York Harbor while in Congress. He resigned the position, however, in 1918 to accept the position of Commissioner of Docks / Director of the Port of New York City. He was subsequently elected President of the Board of Alderman of New York City (1921-1925). While President of the Board, Hulbert became embroiled in a political fight with the City Comptroller, which led to a court battle. The loss of the case effectively ended his political career.

In addition to his tenure on the District Court, Judge Hulbert was president of the Amateur Athletic Union from 1924 to 1928, a member of the American Olympic Committee, a member of the executive council of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, and Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks.

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