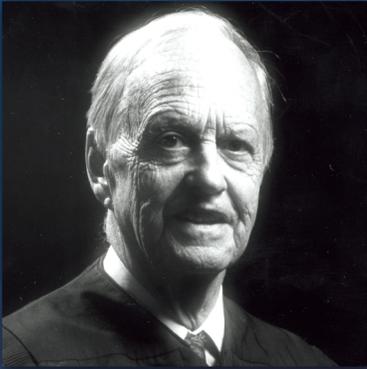




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Whitman Knapp

Born:

February 24, 1909
New York, NY

Received Commission:

June 30, 1972

Died:

June 14, 2004

Judge Knapp was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on June 30, 1972 and entered on duty September 20, 1972. He received an A.B. degree from Yale College in 1931 and an LL.B. degree from Harvard Law School in 1934. He also received an honorary doctor of laws degree from CCNY in May 1992.

Judge Knapp was with the firm Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft, New York from 1934 to 1937, with the firm of Donovan Leisure Newton & Lumbard in 1941, a member of the staff of the District Attorney's Office, New York County, from 1937-1941 and 1942-1950; and Chief of its Indictment Bureau from 1942-1944 and of its Appeals Bureau from 1944-1950. He was a partner in the firm of Barrett, Knapp, Smith, Schapiro and Simon (and its predecessor firms) from 1950 to 1972.

Judge Knapp was chairman of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Police Corruption and Anti-Corruption Procedures, City of New York, from 1970 to 1972 (Knapp Commission); a member of the Temporary Commission of Revision of the New York State Penal Law and Code of Criminal Procedure from 1964 to 1969; special counsel to the Waterfront Commission, New York, from 1953 to 1954; and special counsel to the New York State Youth Commission from 1950 to 1953.

Judge Knapp was general counsel for the Urban League of Greater New York from 1962 to 1972, a trustee of University Settlement from 1945 to 1964; and a trustee, Mobilization for Youth, from 1965 to 1970. He was an editor of The Harvard Law Review from 1933 to 1934.

Judge Knapp was a member of the American Law Institute, American Bar Foundation, American College of Trial Lawyers, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (secretary from 1946 to 1949 and chairman of the executive committee from 1970 to 1971).