



225th Anniversary
1789-2014



Vincent L. Leibell

Born:

December 10, 1883
New York, NY

Received Commission:

June 20, 1936

Died:

Sept. 22, 1968
New York, NY

Vincent L. Leibell was educated at St. Francis Xavier College, from which he graduated in 1904 and received an M.A. in 1905. He then attended Fordham University School of Law and was a member of the first graduating class in 1908. He immediately entered private practice in New York City and became the law partner of Senator Robert F. Wagner, the father of the former Mayor of New York, Robert F. Wagner, Jr.

Once appointed to the District Court by President Roosevelt, Judge Leibell was considered kindly, patient, and soft-spoken, but became known for dealing very hard with violators of narcotics laws. In 1951, he imposed the stiffest sentence to that date (15 years in prison and an \$11,000.00 fine) on the leader of a gang that supplied drugs to 250 addicts each day.

Other notable cases over which Judge Leibell presided include the reorganization of the Associated Gas & Electric Co. (1940–1955), and the second perjury trial of William R. Remington, a former government economist, who was accused of lying at his previous perjury trial about giving secret information to the Communists.

Sources:

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