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Gerard E. Lynch

Born:

1951

Brooklyn, NY

Received Commission:

May 25, 2000

Service terminated on September 21, 2009, due to appointment to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Gerard E. Lynch was appointed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York by President Clinton, and his appointment was confirmed by the Senate on May 24, 2000. He was appointed as a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in 2009.

A life-long New Yorker, Judge Lynch was educated at Regis High School, Columbia College, and the Columbia University School of Law, in each case graduating first in his class. Following law school, he clerked for Judge Wilfred Feinberg of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and for Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., of the United States Supreme Court.

After clerking, he joined the faculty of the Columbia University School of Law in 1977, where he has taught ever since, rising through the academic ranks to an appointment as full Professor in 1986.

As a practitioner, Judge Lynch took leaves from Columbia to serve full-time as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1980 to 1983, where he prosecuted white-collar criminal cases and served as Chief Appellate Attorney, and again from 1990 to 1992, when he served as Chief of the Criminal Division in that office.

In addition to his government service, Judge Lynch has briefed and argued cases in federal appellate courts, including the Supreme Court, as a cooperating attorney with the American and New York Civil Liberties Unions, and has extensive experience as a defense attorney, particularly in federal cases. From 1992 to 2000 he was counsel to the New York firm of Howard, Darby & Levin (and its successor firms, Howard, Smith & Levin LLP and Covington & Burling). Judge Lynch is a member of the American Law Institute, and has served on numerous committees of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the New York State Bar Association and the New York Council of Defense Lawyers.