



225th Anniversary
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Victor Marrero

Born:

1941

Santurce, Puerto Rico

Received Commission:

October 5, 1999

Victor Marrero was appointed as a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York by President William J. Clinton on October 5, 1999 and assumed office on December 1, 1999. Judge Marrero graduated from New York University with a B.A. degree (cum laude, with Honors in History) in 1964. He received his law degree in 1968 from Yale Law School, where he served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal. In 1966–67 Judge Marrero studied as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Sheffield (England) School of Law.

Upon graduation from law school, Judge Marrero commenced a public service career in federal, state and city governments. He first served as an Assistant to the Mayor under New York City Mayor John V. Lindsay. Among other public offices he subsequently held were: Special Counsel to the New York City Comptroller; First Assistant Counsel to the Governor; Chairman, New York City Planning Commission; Commissioner, New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal; Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Judge Marrero began the practice of law in 1982 as a partner in the firm of Tufo & Zuccotti and then of Brown & Wood (by merger). His practice specialty was real estate, land use and environmental law. In 1993 he was appointed as Ambassador, United States Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and later as Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the United States to the Organization of American States.

Judge Marrero actively participated in numerous civic and professional organizations, including as Director/Trustee of the following: the New York Public Library; the State University of New York; The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art; Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund; Association of the Bar of the City of New York (Vice President and Member of the Executive Committee, Member of the Judiciary Committee).

Judge Marrero has also served on various special public committees, including: Chairman, New York State Chief Judge's Committee to Improve the Availability of Legal Services; Co-Chair, Chief Judge's Pro Bono Review Committee. He served on the Board of Directors/Trustees of the New York Telephone Company and the Consolidated Edison Company.

Judge Marrero has taught real estate, land use and environmental law as a Visiting Lecturer in Law at the Yale Law School and Columbia Law School. He was the recipient of the American Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award (1993) and of the New York State Bar Association's Root/Stimson Public Service Award (1992). In 1999 he was one of the recipients of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.