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James Paul Oetken

Born:
1965
Louisville, KY

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Paul Oetken was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on July 20, 2011. He graduated from the University of Iowa in 1988 and received a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1991. Following his graduation from law school, he served as a law clerk for the Honorable Richard D. Cudahy of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit from 1991 to 1992, for the Honorable Louis F. Oberdorfer of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia from 1992 to 1993, and for the Honorable Harry A. Blackmun of the United States Supreme Court from 1993 to 1994.

From 1995 to 1997, Judge Oetken worked as an attorney at Jenner & Block in Washington, DC and then as attorney-adviser in the United States Department of Justice Office of Legal Counsel. In 1999, Judge Oetken joined the Office of Counsel to the President at the White House, where he served as Associate Counsel to President Bill Clinton. He then worked as an attorney at Debevoise & Plimpton in New York from 2001 to 2004, leaving to become head of litigation at Cablevision Systems Corporation, where he was Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel until 2011.

Judge Oetken has taught as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham Law School and has served on the Media Law Committee of the New York City Bar Association.