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Loretta A. Preska

Born:

1949

Albany, NY

Received Commission:

August 12, 1992

Judge Preska was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on August 12, 1992 and entered on duty on September 18, 1992. She serves as Chief Judge of the District Court. She received a B.A. degree from the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York in 1970, a J.D. from Fordham Law School in 1973 and an LL.M. in Trade Regulation from New York University Law School in 1976.

Following graduation from Fordham, Judge Preska was an associate at Cahill Gordon & Reindel from September 1973 to April 1982, and an associate and, beginning in January 1983, a partner at Hertzog, Calamari & Gleason until her induction as a United States District Judge in September 1992. She received the Louis J. Lefkowitz Public Service Alumni Award from Fordham University School of Law in 1992 and served several terms as a Vice President on the Board of Directors of the Fordham Law Alumni Association. The Fordham Law Alumni Association awarded her its Medal of Achievement in 1998. She received a Doctorate of Humane Letters, honoris causa, from the College of St. Rose, Albany, New York, in 1998, the Edward J. Weinfeld Award given by the New York County Lawyers Association Federal Courts Committee for Excellence in the Administration of Justice in 2002, the Catholic Lawyers Guild Charles Carroll Award in 2004, the Stanley H. Fuld Award given by the New York State Bar Association Commercial and Federal Litigation Section in 2009, the President's Special Award from the Women's Bar Association in 2011, the Barbara Jordan Outstanding Public Service Award from Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity International in 2012, and the Euromoney LLG America's Women in Business Law Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013.

Judge Preska is a member of the Federal Bar Association, Federal Bar Council, the New York County Lawyers Association and the New York State Bar Association. She has served as a member of the Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the New York Federal-State Judicial Council, Chair of the Federal Judicial Center Benchbook Advisory Committee and a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Judicial Center.

Judge Preska has also served on the New York Regional Panel to choose White House Fellows and as a Trustee of Fordham University.