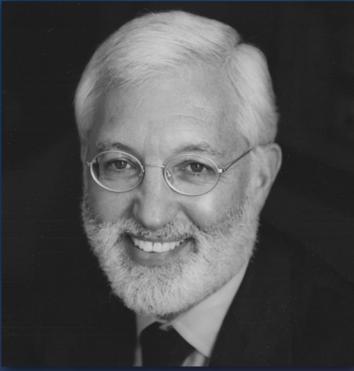




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Jed S. Rakoff

Born:

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Judge Rakoff was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on January 4, 1996, entered on duty on March 1, 1996, and took senior status on December 31, 2010. He received a B.A. from Swarthmore College in 1964, an M.Phil. from Oxford University in 1966, and a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1969.

In 1969–70, Judge Rakoff served as law clerk to the late Honorable Abraham L. Freedman, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. In 1970–72, he was a litigation associate at Debevoise, Plimpton, Lyons and Gates (New York City). From 1973 to 1980, Judge Rakoff served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, the last two years as Chief of Business and Securities Fraud Prosecutions. From 1980 to 1990, he was a litigation partner at Mudge, Rose, Guthrie, Alexander and Ferdon (New York City), and from 1990 until his appointment to the bench he was a litigation partner at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson (New York City). He headed both firms' criminal defense and civil RICO sections and was also active in securities and banking litigation.

Judge Rakoff is the co-author of 6 books and the author of over 125 published articles and over 480 speeches. Since 1988, he has been an Adjunct Professor at Columbia Law School, teaching fall semester seminars on White Collar Crime and Science and the Courts, and spring seminars on Class Actions and on Interplay of Civil and Criminal Law. In 1987, he was elected a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and served as Chair of the Downstate New York Chapter in 1993–94. In 2011, he was elected a member of the American Law Institute, and in 2013, he was elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 1995, he was elected a Fellow of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers. In 2013, he was elected to the Executive Committee of the New York City Bar Association, where he had previously served as Chair of the Criminal Law Committee (1986–89) and as Chair of the Honors Committee (2006–09). He has also served as a Director of the New York Council of Defense Lawyers (1990–94). From 1972 until 1995, he served on the Executive Board of the New York Chapter of the American Jewish Committee and from 2004–09 on the Board of Managers of Swarthmore College. Since 2009, he has been a Trustee of the William Nelson Cromwell Foundation, which sponsors research in legal history.

From 1998 until 2011, Judge Rakoff served as Chair of the District Court's Criminal Justice Advisory Board, and from 2001 to 2012, he was Chair of the District Court's Grievance Committee. From 2003 until 2011, he was Chair of the Second Circuit's Bankruptcy Committee. From 2007 to 2011, he served on the National Academies Committee to prepare the Third Edition of the Federal Judges' Manual on Scientific Evidence as well as on the Governance Board of the MacArthur Foundation Project on Law and Neuroscience. Judge Rakoff presently serves as a Commissioner on the National Commission on Forensic Science and is co-chair of the National Academies of Science's Committee on Eyewitness Identification.