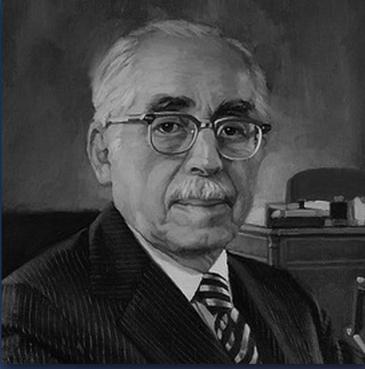




225th Anniversary
1789-2014



Simon Hirsch Rifkind

Born:

June 5, 1901
Meretz, Russia

Received Commission:

June 6, 1941

Died:

November 14, 1995
New York, NY

Simon Rifkind, born in Russia, emigrated with his parents and siblings to New York in 1910. His father became a wool merchant on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. He attended DeWitt Clinton High School and, in 1922, he graduated from City College, having been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1925, he received his LL.B. degree from Columbia University.

As a young lawyer, Rifkind became secretary to U.S. Senator Robert F. Wagner, helping to draft major New Deal laws. Later, Rifkind became a renowned trial lawyer and Wagner's law partner in the firm of Wagner, Quillinan & Rifkind.

Judge Rifkind served on the District Court for nine years. After resigning, he returned to law practice, becoming a senior partner in Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, one of New York's leading law firms. He argued landmark cases, counseled public officials and was appointed special master in complex cases. He also served on government panels and agencies, and on the boards of medical, religious, and philanthropic institutions.

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