



225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1789-2014



## Sylvester J. Ryan

**Born:**

September 10, 1896  
New York, NY

**Received Commission:**

December 20, 1947

**Died:**

April 10, 1981

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Judge Ryan received a recess appointment as United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on November 1, 1947 and entered on duty November 10, 1947. He received a permanent appointment on December 20, 1947 and entered on duty December 26, 1947. He was Chief Judge from April 4, 1959 to September 10, 1966. He took senior judge status on January 3, 1973. He was a graduate of the City College of New York, 1916, and of the Fordham Law School, receiving an LL.B. degree in 1917 and a LL.D. degree in 1956.

Judge Ryan was the district judge representative for the Second Judicial Circuit to the Judicial Conference of the United States from 1959 to 1968; and served on the Committee on the Budget, the Advisory Committee on the Intercircuit Assignments of Judges, the Committee on the Operation of the Jury System, and the Subcommittee for Considering Discovery Problems Arising in Multiple Litigation. He was the chief assistant and Acting District Attorney for Bronx County, New York from 1924 to 1947.

Judge Ryan was a member of the Bronx County Bar Association (past president 1946-1947), New York State Bar Association, American Bar Association, and the American Judicature Society.

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