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## Shira A. Scheindlin

**Born:**

1946

Washington, DC

**Received Commission:**

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Shira A. Scheindlin is a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. She was nominated by President William J. Clinton on July 28, 1994. Before taking her current seat on the Southern District, Judge Scheindlin worked as a prosecutor (Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York), commercial lawyer (General Counsel for the New York City Department of Investigation and partner at Herzfeld & Rubin), and Judge (Magistrate Judge in the Eastern District of New York 1982-1986 and Special Master in the Agent Orange mass tort litigation).

Judge Scheindlin is known for her intellectual acumen, demanding courtroom demeanor, aggressive interpretations of the law, and expertise in mass torts, electronic discovery, constitutional and complex litigation. During her tenure, Judge Scheindlin has presided over a number of high profile cases, many of which advanced important new positions in the common law. She also has been a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (1998-2005). She is a member of the ABA's Standing Committee on Judicial Independence, the American Law Institute, a former Chair of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the NYSBA, a former Board Member of the New York County Lawyers Association, the former counselor of the New York Inn of Court, and a member of various committees of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. She is the author of the first e-discovery casebook (together with Professor Dan Capra and the Sedona Conference) and many articles.

Finally, she is an adjunct Professor at Cardozo Law School. On the subject of electronic records management, her opinions in *Zubulake v. UBS Warburg LLC*, and *Pension Committee v. Banc of America* have come to be recognized as case law landmarks.