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Lorna G. Schofield

Born:

1956

Fort Wayne, IN

Received Commission:

December 13, 2012

Lorna G. Schofield was confirmed by a unanimous U.S. Senate vote as a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on December 13, 2012. She is the first Article III judge of Filipino-American descent. Previously, Judge Schofield was a litigation partner at the international law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP from 1991 to 2011. Judge Schofield's practice focused on trials and litigation in complex commercial matters, particularly the defense of companies and individuals in regulatory and white collar criminal investigations. She also conducted internal and independent investigations on behalf of companies, their Boards of Directors and Audit Committees. On the civil side, she represented clients in private disputes, including class actions, corporate bankruptcies, business fraud, professional liability and commercial disputes.

Judge Schofield was an associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP from 1981 to 1984. From 1984 to 1988, Judge Schofield served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, where a majority of her cases involved commercial or financial fraud. She is a former chair of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation, an organization in which she was an active member of leadership for over twenty years. Judge Schofield has written and spoken frequently about trial tactics and women in the legal profession.

Judge Schofield received her B.A. magna cum laude from Indiana University and her J.D. from New York University, where she was an editor of the New York University Law Review.