



225th Anniversary
1789-2014



John E. Sprizzo

Born:

December 23, 1934
Brooklyn, NY

Received Commission:

September 28, 1981

Died:

December 16, 2008

Judge Sprizzo was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on September 28, 1981 and entered on duty November 10, 1981. He received his B.A. degree, summa cum laude, from St. John's University, as well as his law degree.

Judge Sprizzo was formerly employed by the Department of Justice from 1959-1963; served as Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, 1963-1968; Chief Appellate Attorney, 1965-1966 and Assistant Chief of the Criminal Division, 1966-1968. He was Associate Professor of Law, Fordham Law School, 1968-1972. He served as an Associate Attorney to the Committee of the Court on the Judiciary during 1971-1972. Judge Sprizzo was in private practice at the firm of Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle from 1970-1981.

Judge Sprizzo was a member of the American Bar Association, the District of Columbia Bar Association, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

An annual award named in Judge Sprizzo's honor, as to which he was the first recipient, was established in 2000 by the Manhattan chapter of the St. John's University School of Law Alumni Association.
