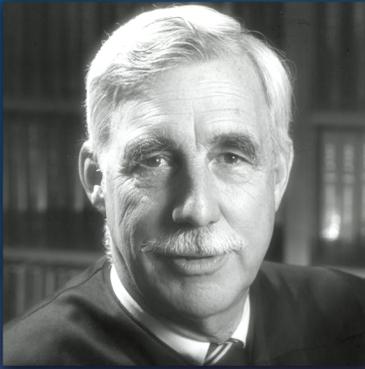




225th Anniversary
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Robert Workman Sweet

Born:

1922

Yonkers, NY

Received Commission:

April 28, 1978

Judge Sweet was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on April 28, 1978 and entered on duty May 18, 1978. He is a graduate of Yale University, receiving a B.A. degree in 1944 and Yale Law School, receiving an LL.B. degree in 1948. He served in the United States Naval Reserve, 1943–1946.

Judge Sweet served as Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, 1953–1955; and as Deputy Mayor for the City of New York, 1966–1969. In 1987, he was appointed to serve as a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System.

Judge Sweet is a member of the American Bar Association and the Bar of the City of New York.

Among Judge Sweet's many high profile cases, he presided over a suit in which he declared a patent on BRCA1 and BRCA2, genes linked to breast cancer, to be invalid because it was not patentable subject matter. Judge Sweet also presided over the MDL cases arising out of the crashes of TWA 800 and AA 587, and in each instance all claims were settled.
