



225th Anniversary
1789-2014



Kimba M. Wood

Born:

1944

Port Townsend, WA

Received Commission:

April 20, 1988

Judge Wood was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on April 20, 1988 and entered on duty on July 28, 1988. She served as Chief Judge of the Court from 2006 to 2009. Judge Wood graduated from Connecticut College with a B.A. degree in 1965, received an M.Sc. (Econ.) degree from the London School of Economics in 1966, and received a J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 1969.

Upon graduating from law school, Judge Wood was associated with Steptoe & Johnson until 1970. From 1970 to 1971, she was employed in the Office of Special Counsel within the Office of Economic Opportunity Legal Services program. From 1971 until her appointment to the District Court, she practiced law with LeBoeuf, Lamb, Leiby & MacRae, where she became a partner in 1978.

Judge Wood presided over the sentencing of Michael Milken, who had popularized "junk bonds" as an investment while at Drexel Burnham Lambert.

She has served on Committees of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the New York State Bar Association, the Federal Bar Council and the American Bar Association. In 2013, she received the Emory Buckner Award for "Outstanding Public Service."
