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Nelson S. Román

Born:

1960

New York, NY

Received Commission:

May 13, 2013

The Honorable Nelson S. Román was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York by President Barack Obama on May 13, 2013, and commenced his service on June 10, 2013.

Judge Román is a native New Yorker, born and raised in New York City. He graduated from Fordham University with a B.A. summa cum laude in 1984 and received his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School in 1989.

Judge Román has a longstanding commitment to public service. He served as a New York City Police Officer from 1982-1989. Upon graduating from law school, Judge Román served as an Assistant District Attorney, both in the Office of the Kings County District Attorney in Brooklyn, NY, and in the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York. As a prosecutor, he was responsible for the prosecution of major felony narcotics cases and general felony crimes. In January 1995, he became the Law Clerk to the Honorable Jose A. Padilla, Jr., in the New York State Unified Court System.

In June 1998, Judge Román was appointed by the Chief Administrative Judge for the New York State Court System as a Judge of the Housing Part of the New York City Civil Court. Upon his successful election in 2000, Judge Román began serving as Judge of the New York City Civil Court, and remained there until December 2002. In 2002, Judge Román was elected to serve as a New York State Supreme Court Justice. In October 2009, Judge Román was appointed by the Governor of New York to the position of Associate Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department. He served as an appellate court judge until his appointment to the federal district court.