

Appendix E: Introduction of New Judges

The 2014 Judicial Conference welcomed twenty new judges who joined the Circuit since the 2012 Judicial Conference:

1. Honorable Mark A. Barnett, United States Court of International Trade

Mark A. Barnett was previously an attorney in the international trade group at Steptoe & Johnson. He left the firm to join the Office of Chief Counsel for Import Administration at the U.S. Department of Commerce, where he served as a staff attorney, a senior counsel and subsequently the Deputy Chief Counsel for Import Administration. In 2008-2009, Judge Barnett was detailed to the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, and Subcommittee on Trade as a Trade Counsel.

Judge Barnett graduated from Dickinson College in 1985 and received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1988.

2. Honorable Vernon S. Broderick, United States District Judge, Southern District of New York

Prior to his appointment to the bench in 2013, Vernon S. Broderick was a partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP focusing on white collar criminal cases, regulatory investigations and business litigation. From 1994 until 2002, he served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York.

Judge Broderick graduated from Yale University in 1985 and received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1988.

3. Honorable Valerie E. Caproni, United States District Judge, Southern District of New York

Valerie E. Caproni was Deputy General Counsel of Northrop Grumman Corp. until becoming a U.S. District Judge in 2014. She was General Counsel of the FBI from 2003 until 2011. She previously worked as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of New York and as Regional Director of the Pacific Regional Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission in Los Angeles.

Judge Caproni graduated from Tulane University in 1976 and received her law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1979.

4. Honorable Pamela Ki Mai Chen, United States District Judge, Eastern District of New York

Pamela Ki Mai Chen was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York for almost 15 years before becoming a U.S. District Judge in 2013. She was Chief of the Civil Rights Section, Deputy Chief of the Public Integrity Section and Chief of Civil Rights Litigation. She previously served as a Senior Trial Attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Judge Chen graduated from the University of Michigan in 1983 and received her law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center in 1986.

5. Honorable Katherine Polk Failla, United States District Judge, Southern District of New York

From 2000 until becoming a U.S. District Judge in 2013, Katherine Polk Failla was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York. In 2008, she became Chief of the Criminal Appeals Unit. She previously worked as an associate in the Securities Litigation and Enforcement practice group of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP.

Judge Failla graduated from the College of William & Mary in 1990 and received her law degree from Harvard Law School in 1993.

6. Honorable Frank P. Geraci, Jr., United States District Judge, Western District of New York

Frank Paul Geraci, Jr. was a Monroe County Court Judge from 1999 until 2013, when he was appointed as a U.S. District Judge. Before becoming a judge, he practiced civil and criminal litigation at a firm he founded, Geraci and Feldman. He also served as an Assistant District Attorney and as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Western District of New York.

Judge Geraci graduated from the University of Dayton in 1973 and received his law degree from the University of Dayton Law School in 1977.

7. Honorable Christian F. Hummel, United States Magistrate Judge, Northern District of New York

Prior to his appointment in 2012, Christian F. Hummel held various judicial positions in state and local government: Rensselaer County Surrogate (2002-2012); Rensselaer County Family Court Judge (1993-2002); and Town Justice in the town of East Greenbush (1986-1993). He previously was a partner at the New York law firm of Carter & Conboy, where his practice centered on civil litigation and trial work.

Judge Hummel graduated from the University of New York at Plattsburgh in 1977 and received his law degree from Albany Law School in 1981.

8. Honorable Claire R. Kelly, United States Court of International Trade

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Claire R. Kelly was a tenured faculty member of Brooklyn Law School where she taught for 15 years. While at Brooklyn Law School, Judge Kelly focused her scholarship on Administrative Law and International Trade Law.

Judge Kelly graduated from Barnard College in 1987 and received her law degree from Brooklyn Law School in 1993.

9. Honorable Louis A. Scarcella, United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of New York

Louis A. Scarcella began his legal career with the law firm of Phillips, Nizer, Benjamin, Krim & Ballon in 1977, becoming a partner in 1983. From 2005 until he was appointed to the bench, Judge Scarcella was a shareholder with the law firm Farrell Fritz, P.C.

Judge Scarcella graduated from Providence College in 1973 and received his law degree from Hofstra Law School (now known as The Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University) in 1977.

10. Honorable Lorna G. Schofield, United States District Court, Southern District of New York

Lorna G. Schofield was a litigation partner at the law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP from 1991 to 2011. Judge Schofield's practice focused on litigation in complex commercial matters. From 1984 to 1988, Judge Schofield served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York.

Judge Schofield graduated from Indiana University in 1977 and received her law degree from New York University School of Law in 1981.

11. Honorable Michael P. Shea, United States District Court, District of Connecticut

Michael P. Shea was previously a partner with Day, Berry & Howard LLP, where he focused on commercial litigation, mass torts, First Amendment matters and white collar criminal defense. He also chaired the firm's appellate practice group.

Judge Shea graduated from Amherst College in 1989 and received his law degree from Yale Law School in 1993.

12. Honorable Analisa Torres, United States District Court, Southern District of New York

Analisa Torres served on the New York State bench from 2000-2013 in the Supreme, Criminal and Civil Courts. Prior to that, she was a law clerk for a New York State Supreme Court Justice and an associate at several law firms.

Judge Torres graduated from Harvard College in 1981 and received her law degree from Columbia Law School in 1984.

13. Honorable Elizabeth A. Wolford, United States District Court, Western District of New York

Before assuming the bench, Elizabeth A. Wolford practiced for over twenty years with The Wolford Law Firm LLP, where she concentrated in commercial and employment litigation.

Judge Wolford graduated from Colgate University in 1989 and received her law degree from Notre Dame Law School in 1992.

14. Honorable Gregory H. Woods, United States District Court, Southern District of New York

From 1995 until 1998, Gregory H. Woods was a Trial Attorney in the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. Judge Woods joined Debevoise & Plimpton in 1998 and became a partner in 2004. In 2009, Judge Woods left Debevoise to serve as Deputy General Counsel of the United States Department of Transportation and later served as General Counsel of the United States Department of Energy.

Judge Woods graduated from Williams College in 1991 and received his law degree from Yale Law School in 1995.

15. Honorable Julie A. Manning, United States Bankruptcy Judge, District of Connecticut

Julie A. Manning was in private practice for twenty-five years prior to her appointment, representing a variety of clients in bankruptcy cases throughout the United States. From 1999 until her appointment in 2013, Judge Manning was a partner with Shipman & Goodwin, LLP.

Judge Manning graduated from Fairfield University in 1983 and received her law degree from Suffolk University in 1988.

16. Honorable Judith McCarthy, United States Magistrate Judge, Southern District of New York

From 1992 to 1998, Judith McCarthy served in the New York City Corporation Counsel's Office, ultimately serving as a Deputy Assistant Chief in the General Litigation Division. From 1998 to 2002, Judge McCarthy served at the New York City Human Resources Administration, rising to be First Deputy General Counsel. Judge McCarthy then joined the New York State Attorney General's Office, where she was named Assistant Attorney General-in-Charge of the Westchester Regional Office. In January 2011, Judge McCarthy was Executive Vice President and General Counsel of the New York Power Authority.

Judge McCarthy graduated from Barnard College in 1987 and received her law degree from CUNY Law School in 1991.

17. Honorable Jeffrey Alker Meyer, United States District Judge, District of Connecticut

Jeffrey A. Meyer began his practice career in 1992 as a staff attorney with Vermont Legal Aid and later as a corporate litigator from 1993 to 1995 in Washington, D.C. From 1995 to 2004, Judge Meyer served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Connecticut. From 2004 to 2005, he served in New York as Senior Counsel to the Independent Inquiry into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Program in Iraq. From 2006 to 2014, Judge Meyer was a professor at Quinnipiac University School of Law, and from 2010 to 2014, he also served as a visiting professor at Yale Law School.

Judge Meyer graduated from Yale College in 1985 and received his law degree from Yale Law School in 1989.

18. Honorable Sarah Netburn, United States Magistrate Judge, Southern District of New York

Prior to her appointment, Sarah Netburn was a partner at Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP in New York. She served as Chief Counsel to the Office of Pro Se Litigation for the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York from 2010 to 2012.

Judge Netburn graduated from Brown University in 1994 and received her law degree from the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law in 2001.

19. Honorable Nelson Stephen Román, United States District Judge, Southern District of New York

Nelson S. Román was an Associate Justice of the First Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court from 2009 to 2013. He also served as a Justice of the New York Supreme Court in Bronx County from 2003 to 2009, and as a Judge of the New York City Civil Court from 1998 to 2002. Before becoming a judge, Judge Román served as an Assistant District Attorney in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

Judge Román graduated from Fordham University in 1984 and received his law degree from Brooklyn Law School in 1989.

20. Honorable Vera M. Scanlon, United States Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of New York

Vera M. Scanlon began her legal career as an associate with the law firm of Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP. From 2001 to 2012, Judge Scanlon worked as a litigator with Beldock Levine & Hoffman LLP, where she primarily litigated civil rights and commercial cases.

Judge Scanlon graduated from Columbia College in 1990 and received her law degree from Yale Law School in 1995.