

## Judge, United States District Court, Southern District of New York



**Victor Marrero** was appointed as a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on October 5, 1999, and assumed office on December 1, 1999. He was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico.

Judge Marrero began the practice of law in 1982 as a partner in the firm of Tufo & Zuccotti and then of Brown & Wood (by merger). His practice specialty was real estate, land use and environmental law, heading Brown & Wood's practice group in these areas in 1991-93. In 1993 he was appointed by President Clinton as Ambassador, United States Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and later as Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the United States to the Organization of American States.

Judge Marrero has taught real estate, land use, and environmental law as a Visiting Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School (1985-87) and Columbia Law School (1990-93). He was the recipient of the American Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award (1993) and of the New York State Bar Association's Root/Stimson Public Service Award (1992). In 1999, he was one of the recipients of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Judge Marrero has actively participated in numerous civic and professional organizations. He was Founder and first Chairman of the board of the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund. He was a director or trustee of the New York Public Library; the State University of New York; The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art; Educational Broadcasting Corporation, WNET Channel 13; and the New York City Partnership. Judge Marrero was actively involved with the Association of the Bar of the City of New York as Vice President, a member of the Executive Committee and the Judiciary Committee, Delegate to the New York State Bar Association House of Delegates, and as a Board member of the Committee for Modern Courts.

Judge Marrero also has served as Chairman, New York State Chief Judge's Committee to Improve the Availability of Legal Services; Co-Chair, Chief Judge's Pro Bono Review Committee; and a member of Governor Cuomo's Task Force on Bias-Related Violence; Mayor Koch's Panel on Parks and the Constitution; Mayor Dinkins's Management Advisory Committee and Commission on the Homeless; and Yale University's Urban Advisory Committee.

Judge Marrero graduated from New York University with a B.A. degree (cum laude, with Honors in History) in 1964. He received his law degree in 1968 from Yale Law School, where he served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal. In 1966-67 Judge Marrero studied as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Sheffield (England) School of Law.

Upon graduation from law school, Judge Marrero began a public service career in federal, state and city governments. He first served as an Assistant to the Mayor under New York City Mayor John V. Lindsay, who later appointed him as Assistant Administrator of the Model Cities Administration and then Executive Director of the Department of City Planning. He subsequently served as Special Counsel to the New York City Comptroller (Harrison J. Goldin); First Assistant Counsel to the Governor (Hugh L. Carey); Chairman, New York City Planning Commission; Commissioner, New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal; and Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, by appointment of President Jimmy Carter in 1979.

