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Judge Liman entered private practice in 1990 as an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore, before going on to serve, from 1994-1999, as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, where he rose to Deputy Chief of Appeals.

Over the course of his career, Judge Liman has served on the boards of directors of the New York Legal Assistance Group, the Legal Aid Society of New York, the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law, the New York Council of Defense Lawyers, and the Federal Bar Council, where he chaired the Public Service Committee. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute.

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