

The Hon. Richard J. Sullivan '90

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit



Richard J. Sullivan '90 was sworn in as a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in October 2018. Before that, Judge Sullivan served for eleven years as a trial judge on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York in Manhattan. Prior to becoming a judge, he was General Counsel and Managing Director of Marsh Inc., the world's leading risk management and insurance brokerage firm. From 1994 to 2005, he served

as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York, where he was Chief of the International Narcotics Trafficking Unit and Director of the New York/New Jersey Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. In 2003, he was awarded the Henry L. Stimson Medal from the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. In 1998, he was named the Federal Law Enforcement Association's Prosecutor of the Year. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Judge Sullivan was an attorney in private practice at the law firm of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in New York and a law clerk to the Honorable David M. Ebel of the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit. He is a graduate of Yale Law School and the College of William & Mary in Virginia. From 1986 to 1987, he served as a New York City Urban Fellow under New York City Police Commissioner Benjamin Ward. Judge Sullivan serves as the Chair of the United States Judicial Conference's Committee on Judicial Security and is a member of the Judicial Conference's Advisory Committee on Evidence Rules. He is on the executive board of the New York American Inn of Court and the Center for Law and Religion at St. John's University School of Law. He is an adjunct professor at Columbia Law School, where he teaches courses on sentencing and jurisprudence, and he previously served as an adjunct professor at Fordham Law School, where he taught courses on white collar crime and trial advocacy and was named Adjunct Professor of the Year.