



225th Anniversary
1789-2014

Schedule of Events to Celebrate the 225th Anniversary of The Federal District Court in New York

Special Session of Court	Tuesday, November 4, 2014, 4 p.m.	On the first Tuesday of November, 1789, District Judge James Duane of the District of New York held the first session of any court under the new U.S. Constitution. To commemorate the event, a Colonial Fife & Drum Corps will lead the procession into the Ceremonial Courtroom (9- floor Moynihan Courthouse) with the U.S. Marshal carrying the Silver Oar of the Vice Admiralty Court of the Province of New York. Remarks will be delivered by Chief Judge Preska, Judges Haight, Castel & Batts and Robert Fiske, Jr. A reception will follow.
Historical Display	Tuesday, November 4, 2014	The Commission of Judge James Duane (NYHS) signed by President Washington and the President's letter of transmittal will be displayed next to Judge Duane's portrait on the 9th floor of the Moynihan Courthouse. The Commission of Judge John Sloss Hobart (National Archives) signed by President John Adams will also be displayed with his portrait. The original Minute Book from 1789 will be shown with other historical manuscripts.
Courtroom Sketch Art Exhibit	Tuesday, November 4, 2014 through Monday, May 4, 2015	Twenty-one pieces of Courtroom sketch art will be on display in the main lobby of the Thurgood Marshall Court House (40 Foley Sq.), including sketches from the trials of Imelda Marcos, Leona Helmsley and Martha Stewart and the sentencing proceeding of Bernard Madoff. Sketch art from the suit by Mrs. Jacqueline Onassis against photographer Ron Galella, the Mitchell-Stans trial, the trial of General Westmoreland against CBS, the trial of Ariel Sharon against Time, Inc. and several high profile organized crime or terrorism cases will be showcased.
NYCLA Annual Dinner	Wednesday, December 17, 2014	The Dinner will celebrate the Court's 225th Anniversary and the 100th Anniversary of New York County Lawyers Association. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Justice Sonia Sotomayor will deliver remarks. Details available through New York County Lawyers.
Pentagon Papers case: A Reenactment	Thursday, January 15, 2015, 5 p.m.	The Federal Bar Council Inn of Court, with a team lead by Judge Denny Chin, will present a reenactment of the Pentagon Papers case in which the government in 1974 tried to stop The New York Times from publishing a classified study on American Involvement in the Vietnam War. CLE. Thurgood Marshall Court House, Room 506. The program will be followed by a reception.
Reception for Sketch Art Exhibit	Thursday, January 22 , 2015, 5 p.m.	Reception at the Thurgood Marshal Court House to honor the sketch artists and their works.

American Pin v. National Button: A Patent Trial	Thursday, February 26, 2015, 5 p.m.	The William Conner Inn of Court will put on an entertaining performance of a patent trial. CLE. Thurgood Marshall Court House, Room 506. The program will be followed by a reception.
Judge Weinfeld: A Judicious Life	Thursday, March 26, 2015, 5 p.m.	A panel will discuss the judicial life of one the nation's greatest trial judges, Judge Edward Weinfeld. The panel, moderated by Judge Koeltl, will include the Judge's granddaughter, Amy Schulman, Judge Leval, Paul Grand, Mitchell Lowenthal and James Zirin. CLE. Thurgood Marshall Court House, Room 506. The program will be followed by a reception.
Judge Learned Hand: 15 years on the District Court and Beyond	Thursday, April 23, 2015, 5 p.m.	The Supreme Court Historical Society and the Historical Society of the New York Courts will co-sponsor a panel focusing principally on Judge Learned Hand's time as a district judge. It will feature Circuit Judge John M. Walker, Jr. and Professor and author Constance Jordan, who is Judge Hand's granddaughter. CLE. Thurgood Marshall Court House, Room 506. The program will be followed by a reception.
White Plains Reception	Thursday, May 14, 2015, 5 p.m.	Local bar associations will reenact the trial of John Peter Zenger. Event to be held at the Briant Courthouse (White Plains). CLE. The program will be followed by a reception.
The Life and Work of Judge Motley	Thursday, September 17, 2015, 5 p.m.	A film of Judge Constance Baker Motley's life and historic contributions to the civil rights movement will be shown followed by a panel on her distinguished judicial career. CLE. Thurgood Marshall Court House, Room 506. The program will be followed by a reception.
Special Performance: Martina Arroyo	Monday, October 19, 2015, 5 p.m.	2013 Kennedy Center Honoree and internationally acclaimed soprano will present her students in a special performance of a scene from Don Giovanni. 9 th Floor Ceremonial Courtroom, Moynihan Courthouse.

Those planning to attend any of these events (except the NYCLA dinner) are requested to respond to deo_event_3@nysd.uscourts.gov. For the Dinner, please contact NYCLA at 212-267-6646.