

BIOGRAPHY and COURT PRACTICE
SENIOR JUDGE ALAN N. BLOCH

The Honorable ALAN N. BLOCH was appointed United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania on November 2, 1979, and entered on duty November 21, 1979.

He is a graduate of the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, receiving a B.S. degree in 1953; and the University of Pittsburgh, receiving a J.D. degree in 1958. He was a member of the firm of Wirtzman, Sikov & Love from 1958 until 1969; and was a partner in the firm of Flaherty & Bloch from 1969 until 1979.

He served in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955; the Pennsylvania Army National Guard from 1955 to 1959; and the United States Air Force Reserves from 1959 to 1963.

From 1987 to 1992, he served as a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on Court Security. He served as a member of the Rule 11 Task Force established by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He served as the Chairman of the Joint Task Force established by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit to study the problems of proper representation of death penalty defendants.

He is a member of the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County.