



BIOGRAPHY and COURT PRACTICE JUDGE GUSTAVE DIAMOND

The Honorable GUSTAVE DIAMOND was born in Burgettstown, Pennsylvania, on January 29, 1928. He served in the United States Navy from 1946-1948. He received an A.B. Degree from Duke University in 1951 and a J.D. Degree from Duquesne University Law School in 1956. He is married to the former Emma Louise Scarton, and has a daughter, a stepdaughter, and a grandson.

Judge Diamond was admitted to the Bar in 1958. He served as law clerk to the late United States District Judge Rabe F. Marsh, Jr. from 1956 to 1961. He was an Assistant and First Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania from 1961 to 1963, and the United States Attorney for that district from 1963 to 1969. From 1969 to 1978, he practiced law in Pittsburgh and Washington, Pennsylvania. On May 2, 1978, he was appointed by President Jimmy Carter United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. On July 1, 1992, he became Chief Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. On February 1, 1994, Judge Diamond took senior status with the court.

Judge Diamond was appointed a member of the United States Judicial Conference Committee on Defender Services by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist on November 2, 1988, and on October 1, 1990, was appointed Chairman of that Committee by the Chief Justice for a term of three years. He was reappointed by the Chief Justice as Chair for an additional two years beginning October, 1993.

On October 1, 1978, Judge Diamond received an award from The Century Club of Duquesne University as one of the 100 outstanding graduates of the University during its first century.

In 1993, Judge Diamond became the third recipient of the prestigious Solon Award of the AHEPA. The award previously had been bestowed upon Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Judge John Manor of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. On May 9, 1998, Judge Diamond was the recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Judge Diamond is a member of the American Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Allegheny County Bar Association, Washington County Bar Association and Federal Bar Association. His office is in the United States Courthouse, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.