



Eduardo C. Robreno

Born: 1945, in Havana, Cuba

Federal Judicial Service:

Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Nominated by George H.W. Bush on November 26, 1991, to a seat vacated by Louis H. Pollak.

Confirmed by the Senate on June 26, 1992, and received commission on June 30, 1992.

Assumed senior status on August 31, 2013.

Service terminated on August 31, 2023, due to retirement.

Education:

Westfield State University, B.A., 1967

University of Massachusetts, M.A., 1969

Rutgers School of Law-Camden, J.D., 1978

Professional Career:

Attorney, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 1978-1981

Private Practice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 1981-1992

Adjunct Professor, Rutgers School of Law: 1993-2020

Adjunct Professor, Villanova Law School: 2001-2005

Distinguished Jurist in Residence, University of Miami School of Law: 2021 – Present

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Judicial Biography

Judge Robreno was nominated to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania by President George H.W. Bush and confirmed to the bench in 1992.

During his tenure on the bench, Judge Robreno presided over more than 100 civil and criminal jury trials, authoring more than 3,000 opinions. He oversaw significant multidistrict litigation, including *In re Asbestos Products Liability*, MDL-875, one of the largest multidistrict litigations in the federal courts, disposing of approximately 180,000 cases and 10 million claims, and *In re Google Cookie Placement Consumer Privacy Litigation*, MDL-2358 in the District of Delaware. In addition to his assignment as a District Judge in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Judge Robreno sat by designation with the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Eleventh Circuit, Ninth Circuit and the District Courts in New Jersey, Delaware, and the Western District of Pennsylvania. While on the bench, he was appointed by Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist to serve on the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules and by Chief Justice John G. Roberts to the Judicial Conference Committee on Bankruptcy Administration.

Judge Robreno is the author of “Learning to do Justice”, Vol. 29, No. 3, Rutgers Law Journal (Spring 1998) and “The Federal Asbestos Product Liability Multidistrict Litigation (MDL-875): Black Hole or New Paradigm?”, 23 Widener Law Journal 97 (2013).

Prior to his judicial service, Judge Robreno, was a partner at a Philadelphia law firm. He also served as a trial attorney with the Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division and as a Special Assistant United States Attorney.

Judge Robreno is the first Cuban-American to sit on any federal court and the first Latino on the federal bench in Pennsylvania. He has served as a member of the faculty at the University of Miami Law School where he has served as Distinguished Jurist in Residence (ret). Judge Robreno has also taught as an adjunct at Rutgers Law School, the University of Georgia, and Villanova Law School. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute, a founding member of the Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania, and a member of the Cuban American Bar Association.

Judge Robreno retired from the bench on August 31, 2023. He then returned to the private practice of law where he provides alternative dispute resolution services through arbitration, mediation, special masterships, corporate investigations and other court appointed neutral services.