



**Hon. Rosemary S. Pooler**  
United States Court of Appeals,  
Second Circuit

On June 9, 1998, Judge Rosemary S. Pooler took her oath of office as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Previously she had served both as a United States District Court judge for the Northern District of New York (1994-1998) and a New York State Supreme Court justice (1991 to 1994).

Judge Pooler practiced law with two firms in Syracuse before joining the corporation counsel's office of the City of Syracuse. She was elected to the City Council of Syracuse and served there before entering state government.

Much of Judge Pooler's career has been devoted to public service. These positions include director of the Syracuse Consumer Affairs Unit, chair and executive director of the New York State Consumer Protection Board, and commissioner of the New York State Public Service Commission. In addition, Judge Pooler taught law at the Syracuse University College of Law from 1981 to 1986 as an adjunct professor and during the 1987-88 academic year as a full-time visiting professor. She served as the vice-president for legal affairs of the Atlantic States Legal Foundation from 1989 through 1990.

Judge Pooler's memberships in professional associations include several bar associations, the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court, and the National Association of Women Judges. She has also served on the Board of Trustees and Executive Board of the Loretto Geriatric Center. For twelve years, she was an elected member of the Board of Consumers Union, publishers of Consumer Reports. She is a past member of the Board of Trustees of the YWCA.

Judge Pooler graduated from Brooklyn College and the University of Michigan Law School. She received a Masters of Arts in History from the University of Connecticut and a certificate in regulatory economics from the State University of New York at Albany.