

Edwin Alley

Class of 1957

After high school, he attended Cornell University where he received a B.S. in industrial and labor relations. In 1964, he graduated from Harvard Law School.

After serving in the United States Army from 1964 to 1966, he practiced law from 1966 to 1991, working in New York City with the firm of Lord, Day & Lord and later in New Jersey with the firm of Carpenter, Bennett and Morrissey, concentrating primarily in complex civil trials and appeals.

In 1991, the governor of New Jersey appointed him as a judge of the Superior Court. Judge Alley served for nine years as a trial judge handling civil, criminal and family cases. In September 2000, he was appointed by New Jersey's chief justice to the appellate division of the Superior Court. Appellate division judges hear appeals from decisions of the trial courts, the tax court and state administrative agencies. Each of them writes over one hundred formal decisions yearly and participates in deciding hundreds of other appeals and motions.

Judge Alley developed an interest in international civil litigation while still in private practice. He has served on committees of the American Bar Association and the International Bar Association, as well as on the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law, dealing with issues of international litigation. He has written a number of articles and book chapters on those subjects, and he has also lectured abroad on international law at conferences in London, Hamburg, Paris, Geneva, Rome, Amsterdam and Stuttgart. As a judge, he has written several published decisions concerning international law and treaties.