

Hon. Eduardo C. Robreno



The Honorable Eduardo Robreno served as a judge on the US District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania from 1992 to 2023. He is a former partner of McCarter & English, LLP where he provided alternative dispute resolution services through arbitration, mediation, special masterships, corporate investigations, and other court appointed neutral services.

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 Renquist to serve on the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules and by Chief Justice Roberts to the Judicial Conference Committee on Bankruptcy Administration.

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 is currently a member of the faculty at the University of Miami Law School where he serves 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.

Areas of Expertise:

- BUSINESS LITIGATION
- MASS TORT LITIGATION
- ASBESTOS

Legal Publications

- The Federal Asbestos Product Liability Multidistrict Litigation (MDL-875): Black Hole or New Paradigm?, Widener Law Journal, 9.25.2013
- Learning To Do Justice: An Essay On the Development Of The Lower Federal Courts in the Early Years Of The Republic, Rutgers Law Journal, 1.1.1998

Seminars and lectures

- The Life and Time of Justice William Strong, The Justice William Strong American Inn of Court, 10.19.2023
- Centralization of Premature Mass-Tort MDLs, Rabiej Litigation Law Center, 9.29.2023

Education

Judge Robreno received his B.A. from Westfield State University, M.A. from University of Massachusetts Amherst and his J.D. from Rutgers Law School. He is a member of American Law Institute, Cuban American Bar Association and Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania.