

Judge Jon O. Newman  
Biographical Information

Judge Newman has been a federal judge for 50 years. He is currently serving as a Senior Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (the federal appellate court for Connecticut, New York, and Vermont), on which he has served for more than 42 years. He was Chief Judge of the Second Circuit for five years (1993-97). He served as a United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut for seven and one-half years (1972-79), until his appointment to the Court of Appeals.

In 2016, Judge Newman received the Devitt Award, the federal judiciary's highest honor.

From 1964-69, Judge Newman was the United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut. He previously was counsel to the majority in the Connecticut General Assembly (1959) and held senior staff positions with Abraham Ribicoff during Ribicoff's service as Governor of Connecticut (1960), Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare (1961-62), and United States Senator (1963-64).

Judge Newman is a graduate of Princeton University (1953) and Yale Law School (1956). He served as a law clerk to Judge George T. Washington of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (1956-57) and as senior law clerk to Chief Justice Earl Warren at the United States Supreme Court (1957-58).

Judge Newman was in the private practice of law in Hartford, CT, in 1958-60 and again in 1969-71.