

Biographical information - Stephen D. Gerling

Stephen D. Gerling is Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of New York. At the time of his appointment to the bench in 1985, he was a solo practitioner of law. He became Chief Judge in 1994.

Chief Judge Gerling earned his B.A. degree from Niagara University in 1964, and his J.D. degree from St. John's University in 1967.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1969 as a military police officer in Vietnam.

Chief Judge Gerling practiced law with the Utica firm of Ferris, Kehoe & Munane from 1969 to 1973, and with the firm of Schwartz, Blaney & Gerling from 1973 to 1976. From 1976 until his appointment to the bench in 1985 he was a solo practitioner. However, during these years he also served as an Assistant Oneida County Attorney (1973 to 1980); as Special Town Attorney for Whitestown, NY (1979 to 1985); and as Assistant Counsel to the Speaker of the New York Assembly (1979 to 1980).

He has served as Second Circuit Representative on the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Board of Governors and was formerly a member of the Second Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel.

Chief Judge Gerling was formerly an adjunct law professor at Syracuse University College of Law.