

Justice for All



This presentation will focus on the importance of promoting civics education in the federal and state court system. His presentation will describe the crisis in civics education in the United States and the critical role of the courts in teaching students about our judicial system and the safeguards of democracy. He will then outline the content of various civics programs that courts can offer to educate and inspire the next generation. The presentation will give particular focus to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit's civic education project, which is called *The Honorable Robert A. Katzmann Justice for All, Courts and Community Initiative*, and includes field trips, court camps, re-enactments of historic cases, the judiciary and the arts, Naturalization Ceremony events, moot court competitions, a teacher's institute, and other innovative programs.

Speaker:



Hon. Joseph Bianco, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Judge Bianco was appointed as a United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit by President Donald J. Trump on May 13, 2019. Prior to that appointment, Judge Bianco served as a United States District Court Judge in the Eastern District of New York. He was appointed to that position by President George W. Bush on January 3, 2006.

Judge Bianco obtained his B.A., *magna cum laude*, at Georgetown University in 1988 and received his law degree in 1991 from Columbia Law School. From 1992-1993, he served as a law clerk for the Honorable Peter K. Leisure in the Southern District of New York.

From 1994-2003, Judge Bianco served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York, where he became Deputy Chief and then Chief of the Organized Crime and Terrorism Unit. In 2003, Judge Bianco became Counsel with Debevoise & Plimpton LLP in its Litigation Department.

In 2004, Judge Bianco returned to the Department of Justice and was appointed as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division in Washington, D.C. He occupied that position until his appointment to the bench.

Judge Bianco is an adjunct professor at Columbia University School of Law.