

JUSTICE DANIEL LEWIS

Daniel Lewis was born and raised in New York City and received his primary education in the public school system, graduating from Frederick Douglas J.H.S. as class valedictorian in 1960. He was awarded scholarships to New Lincoln School, Brown University, and later to the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in the Class of 1970.

During this decade of academic pursuits, he was actively involved in S.C.L.C in Alabama, National C.O.R.E and Brown Youth Guidance. Such organizations gave him the chance to serve people and needy communities. During the 1960s, he served in the Department of State, the American Embassy in Rome and the Harlem Commonwealth Council.

In the 1970s, Justice Lewis served as Assistant District Attorney in the offices of Frank S. Hogan and later Robert Morgenthau, trying misdemeanor and felony cases in the Criminal and Supreme Courts in New York City. He later served as Attorney-in-Charge of the District Attorney's Harlem Branch Office and as Attorney-in-Charge of the Attorney General's Harlem Office. He organized and managed both offices as well as conducted investigations, negotiated resolutions and launched community outreach projects. He also served as Associate Counsel and Civil Rights Compliance Officer for the State Division of Criminal Justice Services.

From 1977 through 1991, he served as Principal Law Clerk to Supreme Court Justice Kenneth N. Browne in Queens County. In this capacity, he assisted in court in deciding legal issues arising from motions and proceedings. He counseled the Justice, did legal research as well as drafted charges, orders and decisions. He also assisted in negotiations with attorneys, in the operations of the yearly internship program and in the revision of the Judicial Bench Book (1986-1988).

Since 1992, he has served as a Judge of the Criminal Court in Queens County. He has presided at arraignments and all-purpose parts as well as at bench and jury trials.

In pursuing his commitment to public and community service throughout the 1970s, the 1980s and the 1990s, Justice Lewis has been actively involved in several organizations, including:

Professional: (member, Judicial Friends; former President of the Association of Law Secretaries)

Legal: (member, Queens County Bar Association; member and past Vice-President, Macon B. Allen Black Bar Association; member, Queens Criminal Court Bar Association; member, Association of the Bar of New York, Criminal Court Committee)

Civil: (member, Criminal Court Anti-Bias Committee; Former Arbitrator, Small Claims Court)

Fraternal: (member and former Parliamentarian, Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma; member, Hogan-Morgenthau Associates)

Community: (member, Board of Directors, Billie Holiday Theatre; former member, Board of Directors, Boys Choir of Harlem)

Educational: (former member, Board of Directors, New Lincoln School; former trustee, Professional Children's School)

Organizational: (member, One Hundred Black Men, Inc.; member, Tribune Society; former member, Guy R. Brewer United Democratic Club, Inc.)