

**Laura Taylor Swain**  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court for the  
Southern District of New York  
New York, New York

Laura Taylor Swain was appointed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on July 11, 2000 and entered on duty on August 31, 2000. Judge Swain was graduated from Harvard University cum laude with a B.A. in Government and from the Harvard Law School. She served as a law clerk to the Honorable Constance Baker Motley, then the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, from 1982 to 1983. She practiced law with the New York-based firm of Debevoise & Plimpton until 1996. She served as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York from November 1996 to 2000. Judge Swain chaired the Advisory Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States on the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure from 2007 to 2010. She received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Suffolk University (Boston, Massachusetts) in 2008. Judge Swain has taught as an Adjunct Professor at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (Yeshiva University).