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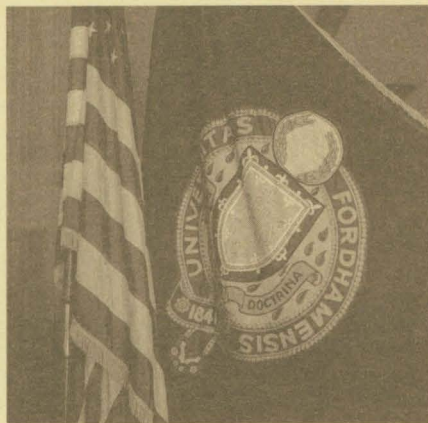
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Lawyering for a New Age

An address by

THE HON. JUDITH S. KAYE

Chief Judge

of the New York State Courts

John F. Sonnett Memorial Lecture

John F. Sonnett, a 1933 graduate of Fordham College and a 1936 graduate of the School of Law, was a senior partner in the firm of Cahill Gordon & Reindel. In 1933, Mr. Sonnett joined that firm, then known as Cotton & Franklin, as a managing clerk, a position he held for the next three years while attending Fordham Law School. Upon graduation, he became an associate of the firm.

In 1941 he joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York where he became Chief Assistant United States Attorney. During the second World War, Mr. Sonnett was special counsel to the Under Secretary of the Navy. Later, as special assistant to the Secretary of the Navy holding the rank of Lieutenant Commander, he conducted the final Navy investigations of the attack on Pearl Harbor. At the conclusion of the war, Mr. Sonnett was named Assistant Attorney General and Chief of the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice. He returned to the Cahill Gordon firm in 1948 and established an international reputation as a pre-eminent trial and appellate lawyer.

A devoted son of Fordham, his death in July 1969 was a great loss to the profession and his alma mater. His excellence as an advocate is memorialized through this lecture series, which has been presented by his partners and friends.





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Judith S. Kaye, Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, has been lauded by the New York State Bar Association for her "steadfast commitment to reform, through her efforts to reinvigorate and preserve the jury system in New York." She was appointed Chief Judge by Governor Mario M. Cuomo and confirmed by the State Senate in March 1993. Chief Judge Kaye was initially appointed to the Court of Appeals, the State's highest court, by Governor Cuomo, and confirmed by the State Senate, in September 1983. She was the first woman to serve on the Court of Appeals, and is the first woman to occupy the State Judiciary's highest office.

Chief Judge Kaye earned her B.A. in 1958 at Barnard College and


her LL.B. (cum laude) in 1962 at New York University School of Law, where she was an Associate Editor of the Law Review. She began law school in the Evening Division, while pursuing a career in journalism.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Chief Judge Kaye was for 21 years a trial lawyer in New York City, first with the firm of Sullivan & Cromwell and thereafter with the firm of Olwine, Connell, Chase, O'Donnell & Weyher. She also served briefly on staff of I.B.M. Counsel, and as assistant to Russell Niles, the Dean of the New York University School of Law.

Chief Judge Kaye presides over the Unified Court System of the State of New York, which handles over 3 million new cases annually. In 1996, all previous high-water marks for cases filed in the New York courts were swept away as nearly 3.2 million new matters poured into courthouses across the state. The 3.2 million figure represents a substantial 8 percent increase over cases received the previous year.

Chief Judge Kaye serves as Co-Chair of the Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children; a Trustee of both the Law Center Foundation of New York University and Barnard College; a member of the Board of Editors of the New York State Bar Journal; and a member of both the American Law Institute and the American College of Trial Lawyers.

She is the author of numerous publications, particularly articles dealing with legal process, state constitutional law, women in law, and professional ethics. Among other awards, she is the recipient of The Business Council of New York's Corning Award for Excellence, New York University Law School's Vanderbilt Medal, The Barnard College President's Medal, and the Gold Medal of the New York State Bar Association.



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