

## PANELISTS BIOGRAPHIES

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**Loretta A. Preska** was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on August 12, 1992 and entered duty on September 18, 1992. From June 1, 2009 to the present, she serves as Chief Judge of that Court. Judge Preska received a B.A. from the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York in 1970, a J.D. from Fordham University School of Law in 1973, and an LL.M. in Trade Regulation from New York University Law School in 1978. Following graduation from Fordham, Judge Preska was an associate at Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP and an associate and, beginning in January 1983, a partner at Hertzog, Calamari & Gleason until her induction as a United States District Judge in September 1992.