



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
300 QUARROPAS STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601

**White Plains Federal Courthouse
Information Sheet**

- ❖ US District Court for the Southern District of New York has been held in Manhattan since 1789.
- ❖ Congress designated White Plains as a “place of holding court” in 1978.
- ❖ US Courthouse first opened in White Plains in leased quarters on October 17, 1983 at 101 East Post Road.
- ❖ Congress authorized construction of a new US Courthouse in White Plains in 1991.
- ❖ City of White Plains offered a parcel of urban renewal land to the Federal government for construction of the courthouse. White Plains Mayor Alfred Del Vecchio was instrumental in securing the land for the courthouse.
- ❖ New US Courthouse in White Plains, designed by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, opened on May 15, 1995 at 300 Quarropas Street.
- ❖ Cost of new courthouse: \$34,886,000, not including the cost of the land. Built within budget.
- ❖ Some of those responsible for establishing the first US Courthouse in White Plains: Edwin Tennant, Esq. of the Westchester County Bar Association; Lee Parsons Gagliardi, U.S.D.J.; David Edelstein, Chief U.S.D.J.; and Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.
- ❖ Some of those responsible for constructing the new US Courthouse in White Plains: Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan; Senator Alfonse D’Amato; Eliot L. Engel, M.C.; Benjamin A. Gilman, M.C.; Maurice Hinchey, M.C.; Sue W. Kelly, M.C.; Nita M. Lowey, M.C.; Richard L. Ottinger, M.C.; Gerald B. H. Solomon, M.C.; Alfred Del Vecchio, Mayor of White Plains; John F. Keenan, U.S.D.J., Chairman, Committee on Space and Facilities; Constance Baker Motley, U.S.D.J.; and Charles L. Brieant, Chief U.S.D.J.
- ❖ Judge Lee Gagliardi, U.S.D.J., was the first District Judge to sit in White Plains.
- ❖ The work of the Court has grown considerably since 1983. During 2006, 4 District Judges, 3 Magistrate Judges, and 1 Bankruptcy Judge were assigned full time to the White Plains courthouse. In 2006, more than 2500 separate matters were filed in the White Plains courthouse (civil + criminal + bankruptcy). It is now a free standing full service courthouse, housing all the offices and agencies customarily found in a U.S. Courthouse.
- ❖ The White Plains Courthouse is designated as an alternate work site for all occupying agencies in the event of an emergency at the Manhattan courthouse.
- ❖ For the convenience of litigants, Local Rule for the Division of Business 26 allows a party to file papers in either White Plains or Manhattan, regardless of where the assigned Judge sits.

White Plains Federal Courthouse Fast Facts

- ❖ White Plains Federal Courthouse serves a six county area: Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Orange, Dutchess and Sullivan Counties. Population (2000 census): 1,820,595
- ❖ Jurors who served in White Plains in 2006: 1984
- ❖ Criminal cases filed in White Plains in 2006: 150
- ❖ Civil cases filed in White Plains in 2006: 1032 (including 170 pro se cases)
- ❖ Bankruptcy cases filed in White Plains in 2006: 931 bankruptcy cases + 363 adversary proceedings = 1294 total bankruptcy matters filed in 2006
- ❖ Probationers supervised by the US Probation Department in White Plains in 2006: 297
- ❖ Persons assigned to work in the White Plains Courthouse in 2007: 146
- ❖ Distance from the northernmost town in the District, Tivoli in Dutchess County to: Foley Square = 112 miles; to White Plains = 81 miles, saving 31 miles off the trip.
- ❖ Agencies occupying the White Plains Courthouse in 2007:
 - US District Court for the Southern District of New York;
 - Office of the Clerk of Court for the US District Court;
 - Office of the District Executive of the US District Court
 - US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York;
 - Office of the Clerk of Court for the US Bankruptcy Court;
 - Federal Defenders of New York;
 - US Probation Department;
 - US Pretrial Services Agency;
 - US Attorney's Office (Executive Branch Agency);
 - US Marshals Service (Executive Branch Agency).
- ❖ Judicial Officers assigned to the White Plains courthouse in 2007:

Hon. Charles L. Briant,	U.S.D.J.	Hon. Mark D. Fox,	U.S.M.J.
Hon. William C. Conner,	U.S.D.J.	Hon. Lisa Margaret Smith,	U.S.M.J.
Hon. Stephen C. Robinson,	U.S.D.J.	Hon. George A. Yanthis,	U.S.M.J.
Hon. Kenneth M. Karas,	U.S.D.J.	Hon. Adlai S. Hardin,	U.S.B.J.

(as of 9/07)
- ❖ The District Court in White Plains provides administrative support to the Hon. Martin R. Goldberg, part-time Magistrate Judge assigned to Middletown, NY. Judge Goldberg hears cases arising in Federal enclaves, including the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Veterans Administration Hospitals at Montrose and Castle Point, the Roosevelt and Vanderbilt National Historic Sites and the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River National Park.
- ❖ The Bankruptcy Court in White Plains provides administrative support to the Hon. Cecelia G. Morris, United States Bankruptcy Judge, assigned to Poughkeepsie, NY.
- ❖ The U.S. Probation Department in White Plains provides administrative support to the U.S. Probation Office in Middletown, NY.