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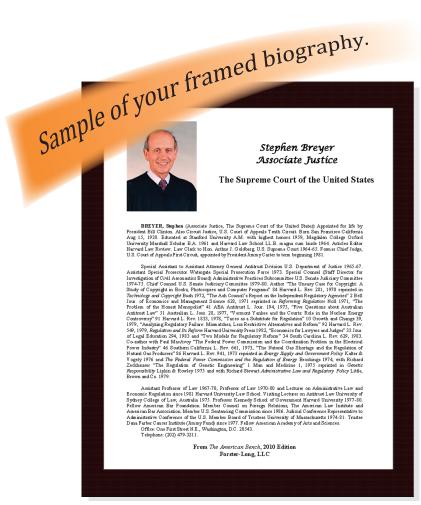
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Assistant U.S. Attorney Southern District of New York 1962-66. Important Civil Decisions: Ordered U.S. Government to release thousands of pages of grand jury testimony in Alger Hiss case including Richard Nixon's testimony 1999; two companion trials seeking damages against General Radovan Karadzic for Bosnian war crimes committed by his Serb military forces (billions of dollars in damages awarded) 2000; USFL v. National Football League (antitrust case seeking \$1.3 billion in damages, \$1 damages awarded); and celebrity photographer v. actor Bill Cosby (assault and battery case, \$1 damages awarded). Important Criminal Decisions: three separate trials re Gambino crime family conspiracy with members of the Sicilian mafia to import substantial quantities of heroin into U.S. ("Sammy the Bull" Gravano and two members of the Sicilian mafia testified as cooperating witnesses and admitted to participation in some 17 murders each; in companion criminal case in Italy both the judge and prosecutor were assassinated); two separate Government sting operations resulting in elaborate schemes by Colombian drug traffickers to import cocaine into U.S.; six-month trial re Hispanic gang "The Nasty Boys" trafficking cocaine and heroin in the Bronx (Government proved the drug trafficking charges and 25 murders by defendants; convictions were affirmed in August 2000 by the Court of Appeals and most of the defendants are serving life prison sentences without parole); and re New York jeweler convicted of money laundering for Colombian drug dealers as part of government sting operations (jeweler's son, a codefendant, murdered prior to trial) 2004. Fellow American College of Trial Lawyers and American Bar Foundation. Member American Law Institute. Member and President 1971-75 Retarded Infants Services. Member Community Council of Greater New York 1972-79.

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