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Trump Nominates Darien Resident for Federal Judge Seat in New York

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Darien resident Jennifer H. Rearden, a New York City attorney with experience litigating complex commercial cases, was nominated earlier this month by President Trump for a seat in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Her nomination must be approved by the U.S. Senate before being seated as a judge in the district, which covers all New York state counties from Manhattan and the Bronx in the south to Dutchess, Orange and Sullivan counties in the north.

Rearden, 49, is a partner in the litigation and crisis management practice groups at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP in New York, according to [the White House announcement](#) on Feb. 12.

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In her past cases with Gibson Dunn, according to [the law firm's website](#), Rearden has represented "clients in complex commercial litigation, including major fraud and contract cases, large sales tax matters, and disputes with states and municipalities, as well as internal investigations. [...] Ms. Rearden's practice also frequently includes assisting clients in responding to high-profile events and evaluating legal risk, and counseling clients regarding crisis management planning and effective crisis response."

Her past clients have included "Verizon in a decade-long action against Consolidated Edison and the City of New York relating to the 2007 manhole explosion on Manhattan's East 41st Street; and [...] Cablevision, Madison Square Garden, and several community groups in trial-level and appellate litigation challenging and ultimately defeating New York City's sweeping proposal to build a stadium for the New York Jets on Manhattan's West Side."

The White House announcement calls her "Jennifer H. Rearden of New York," but online records say she's a Darien resident. As of August 2016, Rearden was a registered Democrat in Darien, according to a voter records website.

According to another website, [City-Data.com](#), Rearden contributed \$1,000 in 2015 to the Kamala Harris campaign for U.S. Senate in California and another \$1,000 to Maggie Hassan's campaign for U.S. Senate in New Hampshire. Both of the Democratic candidates were elected. Rearden's home was listed as being in Darien.

"Prior to joining Gibson Dunn in 2003, Ms. Rearden practiced at Davis, Polk & Wardwell, LLP and in the Atlanta office of King & Spalding, LLP," the brief announcement said. "Ms. Rearden earned her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Yale University and her J.D. from New York University School of Law, where she served as Article & Note Editor of the *Journal of International Law & Politics*."

The Gibson Dunn website also says Rearden "is a member of Gibson Dunn's Litigation and Crisis Management Practice Groups and formerly a co-chair of the firm's Electronic Discovery and Information Law Practice Group. She also serves on Gibson Dunn's Compensation Committee and served for several years on the firm's Partnership Evaluation Committee."

Correction: This article originally mentioned a family member. That information has been removed.