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**Abstract:**

The main character of this article is Learned Hand, an American jurist, lawyer, and judicial philosopher, a federal trial judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York from 1909 to 1924 and a federal appellate judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1924 to 1951. In American jurisprudence he is recognized as a legendary person, although he never became the US Supreme Court justice. The author presents his interesting biography and some details from his rich judicial career, including four exemplary decisions: on the one hand concerning negligence (United States v. Carroll Towing Co and The T.J.Hooper) and on the other hand antitrust law (United States v. Associated Press and United States v. Aluminum Company of America).