

Our Founders: A History

Noteworthy Benjamin Franklin Butler is appointed U.S. Attorney General by President Andrew Jackson. Butler moves his law practice from Albany to New York City in 1833.

Five years later, Butler is one of the first professors at what became NYU Law School. He is also elected U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York by President Martin Van Buren.

Martin Van Buren

1838

1833 **1837**

1836 Founding partners Hiram Barney and William Mulligan begin their practice in New York City. Meanwhile, Butler begins a brief stint as Secretary of War for the last six months of President Jackson's second term.

Hiram Barney

Noteworthy Barney forms a partnership with William Dwight Waterman, conducting services such as debt collection, which was in great demand after the Panic of 1837.

